

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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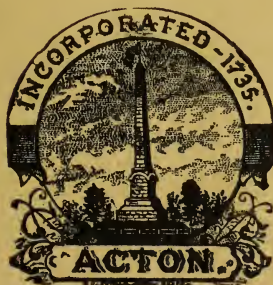
OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31

1918

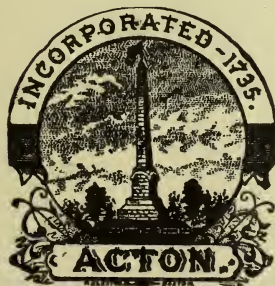


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TOWN OFFICERS, 1918

Selectmen

Charles J. HoltonTerm expires 1921
Warren H. JonesTerm expires 1920
William H. KingsleyTerm expires 1919

Town Clerk

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

Frank W. Hoit

Assessors

James B. TuttleTerm expires 1921
Arthur M. WhitcombTerm expires 1920
Ralph W. PiperTerm expires 1919

Overseers of the Poor

William H. Kingsley Warren H. Jones Charles J. Holton

Collector of Taxes

Arthur M. Whitcomb

Tree Warden

James O'Neil

Constables

John T. McNiff James N. Berry Oliver D. Wood

Field Drivers

John T. McNiff James N. Berry Oliver D. Wood

Fence Viewers

Charles J. Holton Warren H. Jones William H. Kingsley

Cemetery Commissioners

Julian TuttleTerm expires 1921
Fred W. GreenTerm expires 1920
Horace F. TuttleTerm expires 1919

School Committee

Edwin A. PhalenTerm expires 1920
Herbert W. LewisTerm expires 1921
Bertram E. HallTerm expires 1919

Trustees Memorial Library

J. Sidney WhiteTerm expires 1920
Lucius A. HesseltonTerm expires 1921
Horace F. TuttleTerm expires 1919

Board of Health

Edwin A. PhalenTerm expires 1920
 Frank E. TaskerTerm expires 1921
 Theron F. NewtonTerm expires 1919

Finance Committee

James B. Tuttle Edgar H. Hall Asaph Merriam
 Horace F. Tuttle Arthur M. Whitcomb

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN**Superintendent of Streets**

Albert H. Perkins

Town Accountant

Howard L. Jones

Registrars of Voters

Lewis WillardTerm expires 1919
 James McGreenTerm expires 1921
 George E. HoltonTerm expires 1920
 Horace F. Tuttle, ex-officio

Election Officers**Precinct 1**

WardenJames W. Coughlin
 Deputy WardenEdwin A. Phalen
 ClerkHorace F. Tuttle
 Deputy ClerkMoses E. Taylor
 InspectorArthur F. Davis
 Deputy InspectorWillis L. Holden
 InspectorJames O'Neil
 Deputy InspectorWilliam C. Coughlin

Precinct 2

WardenLucius A. Hesselton
 Deputy WardenTheron F. Newton..
 ClerkLorenzo E. Reed
 Deputy ClerkJames McGreen
 InspectorLewis C. Hastings
 Deputy InspectorFrank A. Merriam
 InspectorConstance O'Neil
 Deputy InspectorBenjamin W. Ineson

Precinct 3.

WardenCharles J. Holton
 Deputy WardenBertram D. Hall
 ClerkWilliam L. Tenney

Deputy Clerk Edwin T. Swift
 Inspector Fred S. Whitcomb
 Deputy Inspector Charles H. Mead
 Inspector John T. McNiff
 Deputy Inspector Guy P. Littlefield

Cattle Inspector

Fred S. Whitcomb

Fire Engineers

William H. Kingsley, Chief

Precinct 1

Fred W. Billings, 1st Asst. Arthur F. Harris, 2nd Asst.
 E. P. Gates, 3rd Asst.

Precinct 2

Nelson J. Cole, 1st Asst. E. C. Page, 2nd Asst.
 W. H. Jones, 3rd Asst.

Precinct 3

C. D. Cram, 1st Asst. A. B. Parker, 2nd Asst.
 W. J. Costello, 3rd Asst.

Forest Warden

William H. Kingsley

Deputy Forest Wardens

All the above named assistant Fire Engineers

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

J. W. Dupee Bertram D. Hall E. C. Cheney
 Charles E. Smith George H. Reed Frank A. Merriam

Public Weighers

J. P. Fletcher M. E. Taylor E. C. Cheney E. F. Conant
 Thomas Hearon George H. Reed William H. Teele
 Howard G. Reed

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Theron F. Newton

Superintendent of Moth Work

James O'Neil

Police Officers

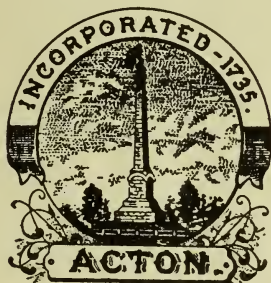
Charles A. Taylor Oliver D. Wood
 John T. McNiff James N. Berry

Inspector of Slaughter Houses

Edward S. Fobes

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.



"To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs therein, to meet in the town hall in said town, on Monday, the third day of March, 1919, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely :

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following named town officials, to wit : One town clerk for one year, one selectman for three years, three overseers of the poor for one year, one town treasurer for one year, five members of the finance committee for one year, one collector of taxes for one year, one tree warden for one year, four constables for one year, four field drivers for one year, three fence viewers for one year, one assessor for three years, one trustee for the Memorial library for three years, one cemetery commissioner for three years, one member of the board of health for three years, five members of the school committee. Also on the same ballot to vote Yes or No on the following question : "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?"

The polls will be open at 9.30 a. m., and may be closed at 4 p. m.

Article 3. To choose all town officers not named in Article 2, and fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the various town officials.

Article 5. To hear and act on the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the due observance of Memorial day.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 10. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires and fix the price, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the employees of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1919, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of the premiums on treasurer's and collector's bonds, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see whether the town will raise and appropriate money to contribute to the cost of operation and fixed charges of the Concord, Maynard & Hudson Street Railway Company, under Chapter 288, of the General Acts of 1918; an act to authorize cities and towns to contribute to the cost of operating and fixed charges of street railway companies, or take any action thereon.

Article 15. To see what action the town will take towards the completion of repairs on the "Lowell Road," and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Article 16. To see if the town will employ a district nurse.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each and all of the places as directed by vote of the town, at least seven days before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen or the town clerk, on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton, this tenth day of February, A. D. 1919.

CHARLES J. HOLTON,
WARREN H. JONES,
WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY,
Selectmen of Acton.

A true copy. Attest :

Constable.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, March 4, 1918

The meeting was called to order by the town clerk.

Article 1. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator. C. D. Cram, Herbert F. Robbins, Charles E. Smith and Ernest R. Teele were sworn as tellers.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for town officers; also to vote on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The following town officers were chosen:

Town Clerk—Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectman, three years—Charles J. Holton.

Assessor, three years—James B. Tuttle.

Overseers of the Poor—William H. Kingsley, Warren H. Jones, Charles J. Holton.

Treasurer—Frank W. Hoit.

Collector of Taxes—Arthur M. Whitcomb.

Constables—John T. McNiff, Oliver D. Wood, James N. Berry, Hollis F. Leach.

Fence Viewers—Charles J. Holton, Warren H. Jones, William H. Kingsley.

School Committee—Herbert W. Lewis.

Cemetery Commissioner—Julian Tuttle.

Board of Health, for three years—Frank E. Tasker.

Board of Health, for one year (to fill vacancy)—Theron F. Newton.

Trustee Memorial Library—Lucius A. Hesselton.

Tree Warden—James O'Neil.

Finance Committee—Edgar H. Hall, Asaph Merriam, James B. Tuttle, Horace F. Tuttle, Arthur M. Whitcomb.

On the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors, in this town?" Eleven (11) voted Yes; eighty-five (85) voted No.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers not named in Article 2, and fix salaries of all town officers.

Voted: To instruct the selectmen to appoint surveyors of lumber, wood and bark.

Chose I. Warren Flagg trustee of the Goodnow fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the tax collector be one percent of the amount collected.

Voted: That the salary of the treasurer be two hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the selectmen be one hundred dollars, and the other members fifty dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the superintendent of streets be fixed by the selectmen.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the various town officials.

Voted : To accept the reports of the several town officers..

Article 5. To hear and act on the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Voted : To accept the report of the committee appointed to consider the placing of the names of certain men who served in the war of the Revolution on the Isaac Davis monument.

Voted : To excuse this committee from further service.

Voted : That a committee be appointed by the moderator to consider the perpetuation of the names of Acton men who served in the war of the Revolution and the form in which it shall be done.

Mr. Allen Brooks Parker presented a report in writing for the committee on military preparedness.

Voted : To accept the report of the committee.

Voted : That the thanks of the town be given to the committee for their services.

Voted : That the thanks of the town be given to Messrs. Finney and Hoit for the use of Exchange hall.

Voted : That Allen Brooks Parker, Nelson J. Cole and Oliver D. Wood be a committee on military preparedness.

Voted : That one hundred dollars be appropriated for the use of this committee.

Voted : That a statement of military service and contributions to the war in the town of Acton, covering the years 1917 and 1918, be printed in the next annual town report.

Voted : The following resolution : "Resolved that we, the citizens of this town in town meeting assembled, having before us the Proclamation of the Governor of this Commonwealth, issued February 22nd, 1918, will aid in carrying through by all means in our power, the War Savings plan put before the country by the secretary of the treasury."

Voted : That the use of the town buildings be given to committees and organizations engaged in war work.

Voted : To accept the report of the committee on improvement of the grounds around the town hall.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town.

Voted : To raise and appropriate for

Roads and bridges	\$4,000.00
Rebuilding of the Lowell road	1,000.00
Memorial library, current expenses	450.00
Memorial library, books	200.00
Schools	\$21,000.00
Hydrant service	2,775.00

Street lighting	3,250.00
Moth work	827.15
Voted : To appropriate for	
Salaries of town officers	2,000.00
Oiling roads	700.00
Building and grounds	200.00
Police department	200.00
Board of health	500.00
Town home	500.00
Outside poor	1,300.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Unclassified	100.00
Printing	200.00
Reserve fund	1,000.00
Military aid	200.00
Fire department	400.00
Repairs on fire truck	200.00
Memorial day	100.00
Enforcement of liquor laws	830.30
Insurance of employees	150.00
Premium on treasurer's and collector's bonds	150.00
Elm leaf beetle control of	400.00
Fighting forest fires	200.00

Article 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for the due observance of Memorial day.

Voted : To appropriate one hundred dollars.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law or act anything thereon.

Voted : To appropriate the unexpended balance of 1917, \$830.30.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

Voted : That all taxes shall be payable not later than Oct. 15, 1918, and on all taxes remaining unpaid after Nov. 1, 1918, interest shall be charged at the rate of six per cent. per annum from Oct. 15, 1918, until such taxes are paid.

Voted : That poll and personal taxes only be payable on demand.

Voted : That the collector shall issue summons for all poll and personal taxes only remaining unpaid Sept. 1, and that the collector shall collect all taxes committed to him within the municipal year in which they are assessed.

Article 10. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires and fix the price or act anything thereon.

Voted : To pay the warden and deputy warden thirty-five cents per hour and others twenty-five cents per hour.

Voted : To appropriate two hundred dollars.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the employes of the town or act anything thereon.

Voted : To appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1918, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Voted : That the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1918, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for payment of premium on treasurer's and collector's bond or act anything thereon.

Voted : To appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars.

Article 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm tree beetle or act anything thereon.

Voted : To appropriate four hundred dollars to be expended at the discretion of the selectmen.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to continue the drain pipe near the house of Lewis Willard on Martin street, South Acton, or instruct the road commissioners to continue the drain pipe past the oak tree on Martin street, or act anything thereon.

Voted : That the matter be referred to the selectmen.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to increase the number of its school committee.

Voted : That the number of the school committee be increased to six.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to finish the rebuilding of the Lowell road, or act anything thereon.

Voted : To raise and appropriate \$1,000, on condition that the state and county appropriate an equal amount and provided the building of the road shall be let out to the lowest bidder with the right to reject any and all bids.

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 5th, 1918

Party designations : D., Democratic ; R., Republican ; S., Socialist ; S. L., Socialist Labor ; I., Independent.

Governor

	Precincts			Total
	1	2	3	
Whole number of votes cast	101	112	129	342
Calvin Coolidge, R.	83	74	107	264
Richard H. Long, D.	17	38	22	77
Sylvester J. McBride, S.	0	0	0	0
Ingvar Paulson, S. L.	0	0	0	0

Lieutenant Governor

Channing H. Cox, R.	84	80	104	268
Oscar Kinsalas, S. L.	0	1	0	1
Joseph H. O'Neil, D.	16	29	21	66

Secretary

Albert P. Langtry, R.	81	79	104	264
Charles H. McGlue, D.	17	31	16	64
William Taylor, S. L.	0	0	0	0

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill, R.	81	82	105	268
Charles Giddings, D.	18	27	18	63
Mary E. Peterson, S. L.	0	0	0	0

Auditor

Alonzo B. Cook, R.	79	78	101	258
Francis M. Costello, D.	18	30	19	67
Fred E. Oelcher, S. L.	1	0	0	1

Attorney-General

Henry C. Atwill, R.	80	86	104	270
Morris I. Becker, S. L.	0	0	0	0
Joseph L. P. St. Coeur, D.	17	23	18	58

Senator in Congress

Thomas W. Lawson, I.	4	6	1	11
David I. Walsh, D.	20	49	24	93
John W. Weeks, R.	75	52	101	228

Congressman

John Jacob Rogers, R.	87	92	108	287
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Councillor, 6th District

James G. Harris, R.	86	87	98	271
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Senator, 11th Middlesex District

Edward B. Eames, R.	84	87	99	270
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Representative in General Court, 11th Middlesex District

James Harry Wilkins, R.	86	89	98	273
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County Commissioner, Middlesex County

Alfred L. Cutting, R.	87	90	98	275
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County Treasurer, Middlesex County

Joseph O. Hayden, R.	86	90	96	272
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Register of Probate and Insolvency, Middlesex County

Frederick M. Esty, R.	87	89	101	277
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**Vote on the Following Articles of Amendment Submitted by
the Constitutional Convention**

Article 1. The establishment of the popular initiative and referendum and the legislative initiative of specific amendments to the constitution.

Yes	12	27	26	65
No	74	60	78	212

Article 2. Relative to the public interest in natural resources.

Yes	24	46	33	103
No	44	34	50	128

Article 3. To provide for regulation of advertising in public places.

Yes	46	53	44	143
No	25	26	38	89

Article 4. Relative to the preservation and maintenance of property of historical and antiquarian interest.

Yes	44	44	42	130
No	26	33	39	98

Article 5. Relative to adjournment of the General Court.

Yes	33	33	35	101
No	30	40	40	110

Article 6. Authorizing the General Court to prescribe the manner of appointment and removal of military and naval officers.

Yes	31	29	36	96
No	31	35	40	106

Article 7. Defining the powers and duties of the General Court relative to the military and naval forces.

Yes	31	39	38	108
No	30	32	33	95

Article 8. Providing for the succession in case of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor by the secretary, attorney-general, treasurer and receiver-general and auditor in order named.

Yes	42	52	42	136
No	24	28	34	86

Article 9. Authorizing the Governor to return to the General Court with a recommendation for amendment bills and resolves which have been laid before him.

Yes	36	44	40	120
No	25	27	32	84

Article 10. Providing that women shall be eligible to appointment as notaries public.

Yes	28	35	39	102
No	40	36	43	119

Article 11. Relative to the retirement of judicial officers.				
Yes	38	42	34	114
No	26	28	36	90

Article 12, Relative to the revocation or alteration of grants, franchises, privileges or immunities.

Yes	35	44	28	107
No	30	28	39	97

Article 13. Relative to the power of the General Court to limit buildings according to their use or construction to specified districts of cities and towns.

Yes	37	45	33	115
No	29	27	36	92

Article 14. Relative to compulsory voting at elections.

Yes	23	31	29	83
No	52	43	48	143

Article 15. Limiting the power of the General Court to lend the credit of the Commonwealth and to contract loans.

Yes	34	33	35	102
No	33	32	37	102

Article 16. Providing for a state budget and the veto by the Governor of items or parts of items in appropriation bills.

Yes	35	38	35	108
No	28	24	34	86

Article 17. Providing for biennial elections of state officers, councillors and members of the General Court.

Yes	31	33	39	103
No	40	39	40	119

Article 18. Relative to service on certain legislative recess committees and commissions.

Yes	30	44	35	109
No	31	24	37	92

Article 19. To provide for the more efficient administration of the business of the Commonwealth.

Yes	28	34	38	100
No	30	34	40	104

Vote for Representative in the Eleventh Middlesex District, 1918

	Acton	Bedford	Carlisle	Chelmsford	Littleton	Tyngsboro	Westford	Totals
James Harry Wilkins of Carlisle	273	158	65	533	142	100	232	1503
Blanks	69	47	15	196	40	19	98	484
Totals	342	205	80	729	182	119	330	1987

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births

Whole number recorded	41
Born in Acton .....28	Native parentage .....23
Males .....19	Foreign parentage 8
Females .....22	Mixed parentage10

Marriages

Whole number recorded	15
Residents of Acton ....20	Residents of other places 10

Deaths

Whole number recorded	36
Residents of Acton ....32	Residents other places 4
Occurring in Acton .....28	Occurring in other places 8
Average age in years 52—	

Note. The town clerk requests information of any errors or omissions in the lists of births, marriages and deaths.

The town clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the return of births and deaths.

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1918

No.	Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
1.	July 1...	Amadon, William Roy	Leonard Q. and Anna M. McLean Amadon
2.	Oct. 13..	Bennett, Barbara Francis	Francis Albert and Elma F. M. Leavitt Bennett
3.	April 5..	Butler, Agnes Elizabeth	Horace B. and Mary Catherine Bannan Butler
4.	May 26..	Byrne, Julia	Louis A. and Margaret E. McCarthy Byrne
5.	Jan. 29..	Chamberlain, Kate Elizabeth	Theodore and Martha C. Clough Chamberlain
6.	Jan. 16..	Charter, Franklin Hutchinson	William W. and Mary E. Davis Charter
7.	Sept. 12..	Coolidge, Mildred Rosalia	Everett Benjamin and Hattie May Clark Coolidge
8.	Sept. 11..	Dellio, Charles Antonio	Frank and Mary Belfiglio Dellio
9.	March 26..	Durkee, Sidney Porter	Albert P. and Florence E. White Durkee
10.	July 6..	Foote, Emily Vail	John Owen and May Barnaby Foote
11.	April 27..	Gallagher, Thomas	William and Katherine Callan Gallagher
12.	June 10..	Gallagher, Mary Rita	Francis A. and Sarah Boardman Gallagher
13.	May 5..	Garland, Marion Ellen	George M. and Lillian May Colburn Garland
14.	Feb. 19..	Gognon, Clara May	Joseph E. and Ida E. Gould Gognon
15.	Nov. 3..	Granberg, Florence Irene	Ole and Matilda Anderson Granberg
16.	Aug. 25..	Hargraves, Beulabelle	Wright and Olive M. Woodland Hargraves
17.	June 10..	Hayward, Arlene Blanche	Warren and Ethel Blanche Mason Hayward
18.	July 25..	Hollowell, Norman Everett	Elwin H. and Edith M. Frost Hollowell
19.	Jan. 9..	Larson, William	Oscar W. and Margaret C. Manning Larson
20.	June 22..	Lawrey, George	George Francis and Elizabeth Grace Daley Lawrey
21.	March 15..	Lawrin, Margaretta Grace	William George and Mary L. Dupour Lawrin
22.	June 27..	Lee, Harry Salisbury	Harry and Endora A. Salisbury Lee
23.	Sept. 18..	Leach, Martha Anna	Evart and Ada Mottram Leach
24.	Oct. 4..	Livermore, Jessie Laura	Joseph William and Pearl Rikeman Livermore
25.	Nov. 8..	Lundblad, Charles Joseph	Emil and Mary E. Jordan Lundblad

26.	Sept.	29..	Mauro, Dominic	Frank and Marie Palme Mauro
27.	Oct.	3..	Mauro, Alfonso	Tony and Machelina Maccariello Mauro
28.	Feb.	27..	McDougall, Roderick Daniel	Daniel N. and Louise E. Perkins McDougall
29.	July	20..	Newsham, child of	Thomas and Grace Bezanson Newsham
30.	March	14..	Ohnemas, Elizabeth Mary	Walter and Nellie Shuyski Ohnemas
31.	Dec.	21..	Olsen, Hazel Rita	Peter and Lillian Breault Olsen
32.	Aug.	20..	Parsons, Frank Granville	Frank E. and Elsie J. Fraser Parsons
33.	Jan.	11..	Pedersen, Alan	John and Ingeborg Hansen Pedersen
34.	Sept.	16..	Roche, Leo	Francis B. and Katherine Hubbard Roche
34.	July	30..	Rothberg, Helen	Max and Freida Brovine Rothberg
35.	Nov.	17..	Sanborn, Mildred Elizabeth	Herbert Leo and Rose Mabel Doherty Sanborn
36.	July	31..	Smith, Marjorie Feltus	Horace B. and Myrtle A. Feltus Smith
37.	May	30..	Tolman, Wilbur Jones	Henry E. and Nellie Jones Tolman
38.	Aug.	19..	Thatcher, Leo Francis	J. Henry and Mary A. Bayur Thatcher
39.	Dec.	29..	Wamboldt, Hubert Otis	Harry L. and Alice A. Briggs Wamboldt
40.	Aug.	21..	White, Irene Frances	Robert and Elizabeth May Scully White
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41.	May	19..	Hollowell, Frederick Elwin	Elwin H. and Edith M. Frost Hollowell

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1918

No.	Date	Place	Names	Residence
1.	Oct.	9..	Maynard	Burke, William E. Concord Heath, Isabella M. South Acton
2.	July	26..	Maynard	Casavoy, Alfred Bernard South Acton Rich, Addie May South Acton
3.	June	16..	Acton	Doherty, Henry P. Acton Cummings, Mary Esther Acton
4.	Oct.	26..	West Acton	Furbush, Arthur Haggood Fitchburg

5.	June	20..	West Acton	Withington, Edith Amy	Gardner
				Hayward, George K.	South Acton
6.	July	20..	Brookline	Reynolds, Martha Myrle	Acton
				Hoar, Carl Sherman	West Acton
7.	Aug.	10..	Cambridge	Cole, Ruth Dennis	Brookline
				Hoar, Burton Hart	West Acton
8.	Aug.	21..	West Acton	Windsor, Martha Corliss	Cambridge
				Leonard, Roydon Clapp	Monson
9.	March	14..	West Acton	Nagle, Anna Rose	South Acton
				Newsham, Thomas	West Acton
10.	May	25..	West Acton	Bezanson, Grace	West Acton
				Payson, Stanley Winter	Concord
11.	Aug.	23..	Concord Junction	Richardson, Julia Katherine	West Acton
				Piper, Elliott R.	Concord Junction
12.	Oct.	5..	West Acton	Manion, Florence Emily	Acton
				Rosen, David Edward	Dorchester
13.	Sept.	28..	Cambridge	Brown, Irma Esther	West Acton
				Starbuck, Robert B.	Acton
14.	Sept.	7..	Acton	Carley, Ruth L.	Cambridge
				Soberg, Harold P.	North Acton
15.	May	15..	South Acton	Anderson, Christine	North Acton
				Turner, George C.	South Acton
				Taylor, Clara M.	South Acton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1918

No.	Date of Death 1918	Name	Yrs. Mos.	Age Mos.	Da.
1.	April	Anderson, Helen	18	1	27
2.	Dec.	Barber, Charlotte Medora	77	8	28
3.	Nov.	Bliss, Philip Harrison	77	2	0
4.	Feb.	Breth, Samuel Adrian	28	0	0
5.	Dec.	Bradbury, Clara S. (Griffin)	57	0	0
6.	April	Chase, Sidney R.	79	6	11
7.	Jan.	DiTunno, Palmira	36	0	0
8.	Sept.	Fowle, Fannie Ann	79	9	13
9.	April	Gallagher, Katherine Josephine	24	2	30
10.	July	Golubowski, Tony	40	11	5
11.	Dec.	Griffin, Catherine C.	62	11	1
12.	April	Hesselton, Martha Frances	70	11	29
13.	April	Holland, Roberta Bliss	12	0	5
14.	Oct.	Hoyt, Rachel May	2	8	26
15.	Oct.	Hoyt, Ruth Teele	4	1	12
16.	Dec.	Hollowell, Frederick A.	67	10	1
17.	Nov.	Hunter, Charles Albert	47	1	12
18.	Oct.	Littlefield, Waldo	77	7	2
19.	March	Miles, Lucy Clark	60	1	2
20.	July	Newsham, child of Thomas	0	0	1
21.	Aug.	Nolan, Christina	52	10	0
22.	June	Oliver, Susan	96	8	19
23.	Jan.	O'Neal, Patrick	72	0	0
24.	Sept.	Page, Alice	1	2	10
25.	Sept.	Parlin, Mary Ann	80	3	3

26.	Jan.	20..	Parsons, Frank G.	76	6	17
27.	April	5..	Penniman, Orenzo Washington	79	5	27
28.	April	14..	Quirk, Agnes	37	0	0
29.	Jan.	7..	Robbins, Julia Ann	79	11	3
30.	March	10..	Rodgers, Annie L.	45	5	0
31.	March	28..	Skelton, Abbie Ann Daniels	73	6	1
32.	Nov.	27..	Sullivan, Ellen	59	0	0
33.	June	29..	Tuttle, Aaron	74	3	13
34.	June	24..	Weir, Robert Foster	0	5	1
35.	Dec.	24..	West, Harry D.	45	3	23
36.	Feb.	10..	Young, Walter I.	56	0	0

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1918

No.	Date of Death	Names	Yrs.	Mos.	Da.	Place of Death	Place of Burial
1.	Sept. 29..	Bean, Milton C.	31	11	18	Medford	Mt. Hope
2.	April 17..	Beddoe, Sarah E.	72	3	19	East Orange, N. J. .	Mt. Hope
3.	Dec. 26..	Blodgett, Raymond Priest.				Medford	Woodlawn
4.	June 28..	Brown, Nathaniel G.	71			Fitchburg	Woodlawn
5.	Sept. 28..	Bywater, Elizabeth	81			Groton	Woodlawn
6.	Jan. 14..	Chandler, James E.	74			New York City	Mt. Hope
7.	Oct. 7..	Clemence, Isabel		11	0	Elizabeth City, Va..	Woodlawn
8.	Jan. 8..	Flint, Frank Eugene	58	9	27	Arlington	Mt. Hope
9.	Jan. 31..	French, Janet S.	71			Cranston, R. I.	Woodlawn
10.	Dec. 1..	Gardner, Harriett H.	59			Stow	Mt. Hope
11.	Nov. 22..	Hapgood, Frank E.	40	3	28	Boston	Mt. Hope
12.	Feb. 25..	Houghton, Martha S.	81	11	13	Toledo, Ohio	Mt. Hope
13.	March 9..	Leighton, Frank A.	83	9	23	Langdon, N. H.	Mt. Hope
14.	Sept. 27..	McLane, James A.	62			Worcester	Woodlawn
15.	Dec. 5..	McDonald, Louisa G.	85		14	Somerville	Mt. Hope
16.	Nov. 26..	Meredith, Anna Chisholm .	29		13	Arlington	Woodlawn
17.	Oct. 17..	Murphy, Elizabeth	31	2	7	New York City	Woodlawn
18.	May 8..	Noyes, Maria Theresa	86	6	20	Waltham	Woodlawn
19.	Nov. 18..	Noyes, Thomas Frederiek .	85	6	1	Harwich	Woodlawn
20.	July 28..	Robbins, Spofford	78	1	7	Littleton	Woodlawn
21.	Jan. 16..	Shattuck, William	94			Penn.	Mt. Hope
22.	March 18..	Tuttle, Edward	76	2	6	Carlisle	Woodlawn
23.	Oct. 19..	Tuttle, Lewis	72		7	Littleton	Woodlawn
24.	May 7..	Wheeler, Sarah Dascomb .	75	6	17	Cambridge	Mt. Hope
25.	Sept. 29..	Wood, Mary J.	78	5	13	Concord	Woodlawn

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1918

Allen, W. Stuart	\$2.00	Hayward George K.	2.00
Baker, Ralph G.	2.00	Hazel, Mary D.	2.00
Bradford, Fred W. R.	2.00	Hodgen, H. C.	2.00
Bradbury, Rolfe	2.00	Holden, F. H.	2.00
Brill, Fred E.	2.00	Holland, John H.	5.00
Brown, James A.	2.00	Hollowell, Elwin	2.00
Bulette, Frank W.	5.00	Ineson, Benjamin J.	2.00
Cahill, John P.	2.00	Jones, Warren H.	2.00
Capelle, C. H.	2.00	Kennedy, Duncan S.	2.00
Clapp, George E.	2.00	Kimball, Elnathan J.,	6.00
Cole, Thomas W.	2.00	Kimball, B. Milton	4.00
Coughlin, William	2.00	Knowlton, Helen A.	2.00
Crosby, William C.	5.00	Laffin, Sidney	2.00
Davis, Wendell F.	4.00	Libby, George A.	5.00
Daniels, G. C.	2.00	Livermore, Pearl R.	2.00
DeFegueredo, Antonio	2.00	Lucier, Joseph	2.00
DiTunno, Angelo	2.00	Lundblad, Emil	2.00
Densmore, J. A.	5.00	McGregor, Stuart	2.00
Duren, Roy L.	5.00	Manson, H. & G.	2.00
Edney, Charles F.	2.00	Marsh, A. W.	2.00
Enneguess, Michael	4.00	Mauro, Frank	2.00
Farrand, W. H.	2.00	Mason, William	2.00
Farrar, Daniel H.	2.00	Mead, George V.	2.00
Farrar, Earle	5.00	Mekkelsen, John	2.00
Fletcher, Lester N.	7.00	Millan, Albion L.	2.00
Fobes, E. S.	5.00	Moore, James	2.00
Foley, David J.	2.00	Moore, J. Sterling	2.00
Ford, Charles L.	7.00	Morrison, F. D.	2.00
Gallagher, Howard	7.00	Nealey, Edward F.	5.00
Gibbs, H. F.	2.00	Newsham, Thomas	5.00
Graham, George	2.00	Nolan, Peter	2.00
Grady, Roy	5.00	O'Connell, Michael	2.00
Green, Fred W.	2.00	Packard, James B.	2.00
Green, Katharine	2.00	Page, E. C.	2.00
Greenleaf Kennels	10.00	Parsons, Frank E.	2.00
Griffin, Franklin	2.00	Pennell, Mrs. F. E.	2.00
Griffin, Mrs. Franklin,	2.00	Perkins, A. H.	2.00
Greenwood,		Perkins, Levi	2.00
Ormond H.	2.00	Planter, Edwin G.	5.00
Hayes, Michael	5.00	Pope, Benjamin	8.00
Haynes, Albert L.	2.00	Pratt, Edward F.	2.00
Haynes, Charles E.	2.00	Priest, H. L.	5.00
Hayward, Earle	2.00	Reynolds, H. R.	2.00

Rich, Addie M.	2.00	Taylor, Charles A. ..	7.00
Richardson, George A.	5.00	Taylor, M. E.	2.60
Ring, John E.	2.00	Tucker, George S. ...	7.00
Robbins, Solon	2.00	Turnbull, George	2.00
Rothberg, Max	2.00	Tuttle, Arthur	6.00
Russell, John H.	2.00	Tuttle, Osgood	2.00
Scanlon, William J. .	2.00	Vallie, A. H.	2.00
Schofield, Harris C. .	4.00	Watkins, J. H.	4.00
Shapley, Eva C.	2.00	Weaver, George T. . .	9.00
Sherry, Charles E. . .	5.00	Weeks, Elinor F.	2.00
Sisson, George T. ...	2.00	West, Mrs. I. C.	2.00
Smith, George A. ...	2.00	Willis, Ora	2.00
Smith, Hattie E.	2.00	Worden, Martin H. . .	2.00
Stearns, Clifton S. . .	2.00		

108 licenses @ \$2.00	\$216.00
24 licenses @ \$5.00	120.00
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	\$336.00
Deduct fees, 132 licenses @ 20c each	26.40
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	\$309.60
Balance due county treasurer on 1917 account	3.60
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	\$313.20
June 1, 1918, paid county treasurer	\$123.00
December 1, 1918, paid county treasurer	150.00
Due county treasurer on 1918 account	40.20
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	\$313.20

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Acton :

We would report that the only important instruction of yours to the selectmen, that the continuance of the Lowell road repairs be let to the lowest bidder, was complied with, with the result of something like \$4,300.00 as the low bid. As Acton had but \$1,000 available for this purpose, we could do nothing about it.

We hope you will keep in mind the great increase in labor and materials cost, when making your appropriations for the several departments. We would suggest an appropriation of \$6,000 for roads this year.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES J. HOLTON,
WARREN H. JONES,
WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY,
Selectmen of Acton.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Acton, Mass. :

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report for the year 1918 :

General Government

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Appropriation, premium on collector's and treasurer's bonds	150.00
Received from sealer of weights and measures	56.17
Received from state treasurer on account inspection of animals	50.00
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	\$2,256.17

Selectmen's Department

Paid :

Charles J. Holton, salary	\$100.00
William H. Kingsley, salary	50.00
Warren H. Jones, salary	50.00
Charles J. Holton, postage, telephones and express	26.77
Charles J. Holton, auto	13.00
Charles J. Holton, delivering reports ..	2.00
Charles J. Holton, traveling expense ...	6.00
W. H. Kingsley, postage	1.72
Boston Post, advertisement	4.00
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\$253.49

Auditing and Accounting Department

Paid :

Howard L. Jones, salary	\$141.00
Howard L. Jones, postage and stationery	5.20
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\$146.20

Treasurer's Department

Paid :

Frank W. Hoit, salary	\$200.00
Frank W. Hoit, stationery, postage and telephone	35.49
Frank W. Hoit, certifying notes	6.00
American Surety Company, bond	50.00
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\$291.49

Collector's Department

Paid :

Arthur M. Whitcomb, salary	\$367.95
Arthur M. Whitcomb, postage	23.50

American Surety Company, bond	100.00
L. L. Applin, account transfers	16.80
H. M. Sargent, printing and envelopes .	11.75
Hobbs & Warren, books	4.97

\$524.97

Assessors' Department

Paid :

James B. Tuttle, salary	\$75.00
Ralph W. Piper, salary	55.00
Arthur M. Whitcomb, salary	60.00
Arthur M. Whitcomb, postage and ex- press	9.58
James B. Tuttle, supplies	1.85
Thomas Groom & Company, book	3.75

\$205.18

Town Clerk's Department

Paid :

H. F. Tuttle, salary	\$50.00
H. F. Tuttle, attending town clerks' meeting	3.00
H. F. Tuttle, recording marriages	3.00
H. F. Tuttle, recording deaths	7.20
H. F. Tuttle, collecting and recording births	20.00
H. F. Tuttle, dog notices	2.20
H. F. Tuttle, postage, telephone and ex- press	18.85
Thorpe & Martin Co., transfer cases ...	15.50
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks	1.15

\$120.90

Overseers of Poor Department

Paid :

William H. Kingsley, salary	\$50.00
Warren H. Jones, salary	20.00
Charles J. Holton, salary	20.00
Acton Printing Co., printing	3.95

\$93.95

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid :

Theron F. Newton, salary	\$85.00
Hobbs & Warren, books	1.86

\$86.86

Cattle Inspector

Paid :

Fred S. Whitecomb, salary	\$125.00
Election and Registration	

Paid :

Lewis T. Willard, registrar, 1917-1918,	\$40.00
George E. Holton, registrar	20.00
James McGreen, registrar	20.00
C. O'Neil, officer 1917-1918	7.50
F. F. Newton, officer	5.00
J. W. Coughlin, officer 1917-1918	12.50
H. F. Robbins, officer	2.50
C. D. Cram, officer	2.50
L. A. Hesselton, officer	5.00
James McGreen, officer	5.00
L. C. Hastings, officer	5.00
James O'Neil, officer	5.00
F. S. Whitcomb, officer	5.00
C. J. Holden, officer	5.00
J. T. McNiff, officer	5.00
W. L. Tenney, officer	5.00
A. F. Davis, officer	5.00
E. D. Dee, printing	2.75
News-Enterprise Co., printing	32.00
W. M. Sargent, printing	8.00
R. S. Osterhout, printing	34.75
Universalist Society, rent	6.00
R. W. Porter, placing booths	5.50
H. F. Tuttle, printing	2.00
H. F. Tuttle, labor and expense, account	
Constitutional Amendment	12.50
C. J. Holton, janitor work	2.50
J. T. McNiff, returning ballots and post-	
ing warrants	13.00
L. C. Hastings, placing booths	2.50
H. F. Tuttle, registrar	25.00
H. F. Tuttle, officer	5.00
H. F. Tuttle, printing and supplies	2.35
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	\$308.85
Total general government	\$2,156.89
Unexpended balance	99.28
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	\$2,256.17
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Due from state for cattle inspection	\$62.50

Building and Grounds

Appropriation	\$200.00
Received from rent	103.00

\$303.00

Paid :

R. W. Porter, janitor and labor on grounds	\$87.25
W. H. Kingsley	10.00
West and South water supply district ..	18.00
American Woolen Co., lighting	38.45
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., Coal ..	39.34
O. D. Wood, repairs	20.75
Town Farm, wood	26.00
E. P. Gates, repairs	2.50
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	5.26
R. W. Porter, care of clock and flag ..	30.00

\$277.55
25.45

Unexpended balance

\$303.00

Protection of Persons and Property**Police**

Appropriation	\$200.00
Received fines	58.05
Transferred from reserve fund	18.91

\$276.96

Paid :

E. J. Lyons, services	\$9.50
M. Peterson, automobile	12.00
A. D. Wood, services	59.00
H. F. Leach, services	23.49
Iver, Johnson Co., supplies	17.15
C. J. Holton, services	8.50
C. J. Holton, automobile	7.50
J. N. Perry, services	3.00
J. M. Kempton, services	57.50
J. T. McNiff, services	34.20
J. T. McNiff, court fees	30.06
H. F. Leach, court fees	12.06
F. W. Hoit, automobile	3.00

\$276.96

Enforcement of Liquor Law

Appropriated	\$830.30
Unexpended	830.30

Fire Department**General**

Appropriation	\$400.00
Transferred from reserve fund	107.43

 \$507.43
Paid :

West & South water supply district	\$24.00
A. W. Davis, gas and supplies	34.62
A. W. Davis, tires	142.70
E. Spinney, teaming coal	2.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal ..	30.52
J. Bernier, care of fire	29.50
Hall Bros., wood	1.25
Chalmers Motor Co., repairs	9.91
Boyce Motor Co., battery	46.88
N. J. Cole, pay roll	3.50
N. J. Cole, labor and supplies	17.85
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co., hose and couplings	4.07
Acton Printing Co., permits	6.20
American Woolen Co., lighting	20.36
West Acton Dept., pay roll	9.25
W. E. Whitcomb, soda	12.00
West Acton Dept., salaries	70.00
B. A. King, repairs	6.60
J. Fitzgerald, expense to Boston	1.00
J. Fitzgerald, gasoline	4.20
W. H. Kingsley, engineer	5.00
E. P. Gates, engineer	5.00
F. W. Billings, engineer	5.00
A. F. Harris, engineer	2.50
M. E. Taylor & Co., soda	1.52
Geo. Clapp, pay roll	12.00

 \$507.43
Special Repairs on Truck

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Paid :

C. Fay Allen Co., repairs	\$191.50
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 \$191.50

Unexpended	8.50
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 \$200.00

Hydrant Service

Appropriation	\$2,775.00
Transferred from reserve fund	76.00

\$2,851.00

Paid :

West & South water supply district ..	\$2,575.00
Town of Concord	276.00

\$2,851.00

Brush Fires

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Paid :

N. J. Cole, pay rolls	\$48.62
A. F. Harris, pay rolls	15.10
West Acton Dept., pay rolls	46.00
Geo. Clapp, pay rolls	26.84
A. W. Davis, truck	6.00

\$142.56

Unexpended balance

57.44

\$200.00

Health and Sanitation

Appropriation	\$500.00
Received, Geo. T. Weaver, license	100.00
Received, Mitchell & Maloney, license .	100.00
Transferred from reserve fund	132.03

\$832.03

Paid :

F. E. Tasker, school physician 1917-1918	\$100.00
E. S. Fobes, inspection	556.00
C. A. Dudley, services	82.02
H. S. Turner, printing	2.85
Carter, Carter & Meigs, chemicals	7.91
F. E. Taylor & Co., printing	5.75
W. A. Flint, rent	6.00
Rachael Haynes, professional services ..	19.50
E. A. Phalen, inspection	4.00
T. Scanlon, salary acc. quarantine	36.00
Smith Finney, auto to Tewksbury	10.00
F. E. Tasker, professional services	2.00

\$832.03

Moth Department

Appropriation	\$827.15
Received from state treasurer gypsy moth work	106.17
Received from state treasurer state highway work	28.00
Private work	57.30
Lead sold	832.33

\$1,850.95

Paid :

James O'Neil, labor and expense	\$1,661.71
James O'Neil, state highway work	28.00
Frost Insecticide Co., lead	435.00
Maynard & Acton Oil Co., gasoline	22.50

\$2,147.21

Balance due from state Jan. 1, 1918 ..	377.12
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\$2,524.33

673.38

Less for work on state highway

28.00

Amount due from State, January 1, 1919

\$645.38

Tree Warden

Appropriation	\$400.00
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Paid :

James O'Neil	\$79.50
Unexpended balance	320.50

\$400.00

Highways and Bridges

Appropriation, general	\$4,000.00
Appropriation, oiling	700.00
Received from town of Ayer for use of roller	54.00
Transferred from reserve fund	391.97

\$5,145.97

Paid :

A. H. Perkins, pay rolls	\$3,595.47
A. H. Perkins, boiler inspection	5.00
A. H. Perkins, auto	17.00
A. H. Perkins, gravel	38.70
Buffalo Steam Roller, repairs	259.15
H. R. Reynolds, team	18.00

W. H. Kingsley, labor	22.50
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal and lumber	99.01
Dyer Supply Co., sign	17.50
C. J. Holton, lanterns	4.40
C. J. Holton, auto and labor	19.00
C. J. Holton, express	1.00
F. W. Green, team	10.68
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	250.00
W. H. Jones, team	12.00
A. W. Davis, teaming pipe	15.00
T. F. Parker, oil	7.30
J. P. Brown, repairs	8.37
Martin Brown, labor	1.00
J. T. McNiff, repairs	11.50
Hall Bros. Co., supplies	7.81

\$4,420.39

Snow Bills

Paid :

Geo. E. Greenough	\$15.00
A. H. Perkins	153.50
W. H. Jones	23.50
H. Mekleson	18.75
W. H. Kingsley	37.00

\$247.75

Oiling

Paid :

Independent Coal Tar Co.	\$83.20
Barrett Co.	240.00
A. H. Perkins, pay roll	154.63

\$477.83

Total expenditures highways and
bridges

\$5,145.97

Amount due from county on account of
Lowell road
Amount due from state for use of steam
roller
Special appropriation on the Lowell
road unexpended

\$144.20

308.75

1,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation

\$3,250.00

Paid :	
American Woolen Co.	\$2,696.27
S. Bresth, one light	4.00
B. DeSousa, one light	4.00
Patrick Foley, two lights	8.00
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	\$2,712.27
Unexpended balance	537.73
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	\$3,250.00

Charities
Town Farm

Appropriation	\$500.00
Received from sale of produce and stock	3,039.09
Transferred from reserve fund	203.87
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	\$3,742.96

Paid :	
C. R. Stearns, warden	\$200.00
C. R. Stearns, labor	378.19
C. R. Stearns, medicine, repairs, etc. ..	3.79
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	25.20
Geo. H. Reed, grain	525.24
J. S. Moore, supplies	194.99
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	196.37
W. H. Kingsley, labor	379.80
W. H. Kingsley, gasoline engine	35.00
Thos. Baldwin, warden	280.00
Thos. Baldwin, labor	164.68
Thos. Baldwin, carpenter work	24.00
Thos. Baldwin, swill	10.00
Thos. Baldwin, expenses to Boston	11.36
Finney & Hoit, supplies	48.39
S. B. Ineson, supplies	36.00
G. H. Cash, ice	15.50
Brackett, Shaw & Grant, sprayer	105.00
Brackett, Shaw & Grant, nozzle	4.60
Brackett, Shaw & Grant, repairs	4.95
S. B. Church, engine supplies	4.67
O. E. Houghton, horse ...	160.00
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies	354.47
H. W. Lewis, supplies	18.22
J. L. Peckham, hay	55.37
Globe Newspaper Co., adv.	12.10
F. Oelschlegal, repairs	50.00
J. P. Tenney, feed	8.28
F. E. Tasker, medical attendance	7.50

F. A. Wakelin, supplies	6.31
Emma Baldwin, groceries	15.20
E. T. Rice, repairs	1.25
Jos. Breck, egg case	4.90
W. A. Haynes Co., machine parts	4.62
R. W. Cunningham, sows	150.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal ..	43.41
J. N. Murray, veterinary	15.00
J. McNalley, labor	50.00
Town of Acton, lead	16.50
C. Snyder, labor	60.00
Hall Bros., sawdust	2.50
E. P. Gates, shoeing, etc.	57.10
J. T. McNiff, shoeing	2.50

 \$3,742.96

Outside Poor

Appropriation	\$1,300.00
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Paid :

Elizabeth J. Ring, board and care	\$636.00
H. W. Lewis, supplies	23.19
Luther Davis, rent	88.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal ..	71.22
O. S. Fowler	36.00
F. K. Shaw, medical attendance	4.50
W. H. Kingsley, cash paid outside aid ..	50.00
M. H. Paine, medical attendance	20.00
Finney & Hoit, cloth	2.64
Town Farm. wood	76.00
City of Taunton	137.33

 \$1,144.88

155.12

Unexpended balance

 \$1,300.00

Amount due from state on acc. of aid furnished	70.00
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Soldiers' Benefits

State Aid

Received from state treasurer	\$624.00
Amount due from state Jan. 1, 1918 ..	\$624.00
Paid	542.00
Amount due from state Jan. 1, 1919 ..	542.00

 \$1,166.00 \$1,166.00

Military Aid

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Paid :

Edwin Ford, rent	\$35.00	
Isiah Leach	24.00	
		\$59.00
Unexpended balance		141.00
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		\$200.00

Memorial Library

Library Expense

Appropriation	\$450.00	
Received from fines	30.00	
Transferred from reserve fund	17.66	
	<hr/>	\$497.66

Paid :

A. W. Davis, librarian	\$100.00	
A. W. Davis, cataloging	10.00	
A. W. Davis, express .....	.32	
O. E. Houghton, transporting books	50.00	
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal ..	137.36	
Acton Printing Co., printing	1.25	
American Woolen Co., lighting	18.95	
E. F. Conant, insurance	51.58	
S. H. Taylor, janitor	100.00	
S. H. Taylor, repairs	1.25	
S. H. Taylor, oil .....	.50	
H. F. Tuttle, express	3.11	
W. H. Kingsley, wood	5.50	
Dorothy Dusseault, writing cards	5.82	
E. Z. Stanley, repairs	8.24	
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	3.78	
	<hr/>	\$497.66

Library Books

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Interest on library fund	260.27	
Received of W. B. Clarke & Co., refund,	5.85	
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\$466.12

Paid :

Raymond Farrar, cards	\$4.50	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books	218.08	
H. A. Wilde Co., books	12.38	
W. B. Clarke Co., books	132.85	
Dura Binding Co., books	54.25	
Milton Bradley Co., books	1.31	
Boylston Publishing Co.85	
H. Goldberger, magazines	38.40	
H. F. Tuttle, books	3.50	
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\$466.12

Cemeteries

Appropriation	\$600.00
Received sale of lots, Woodlawn	16.00
Received sale of lots, Mt. Hope	78.00

 \$694.00
Paid :

West & South Water Supply District ..	\$26.06
H. F. Robbins, labor	255.10
H. F. Robbins, tools	6.00
A. Batley & Son, flowers	17.84
Julian Tuttle, commissioner	10.00
F. W. Green, labor	240.82
E. A. Teele, limestone	3.75
E. T. Rice, labor	1.40
W. J. Costello, painting	14.60
C. H. Mead & Co., paint and oil	27.43
J. T. McNiff, wrench	1.00
H. F. Tuttle, commissioner	7.50
H. F. Tuttle, recording deeds	1.00

 \$612.50

Unexpended balance

81.50

 \$694.00
Perpetual Care

Received interest on cemetery fund ...	\$468.13
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Paid :

H. F. Robbins, labor	\$200.14
F. W. Green, labor	166.25
A. Batley & Son, flowers	80.74
F. C. Hayward, interest	17.50
George Decoster, interest	3.50

 \$468.13
Education

Appropriation	\$21,000.00
Received from State treasurer, Massachusetts school fund	1,029.64
Received from State treasurer, industrial school	602.79
Received from State treasurer, tuition .	9.75
Received superintendent school fund ..	343.75
Received county treasurer, dog tax	317.49
Received ticket refunds	18.00
Received tuition town of Stow	57.00
Received tuition and transportation R. Webb	190.20

Received tuition E. Sadler	28.50	
Received tuition C. Sadler	28.50	

\$23,625.62

Paid :		
Report of school committee	\$20,605.65	
Unexpended balance	3,019.97	

\$23,625.62

Printing

Appropriation	\$200.00	
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Paid :

News-Enterprise Co., reports	\$190.00	
Unexpended balance	10.00	

\$200.00

Unclassified

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Appropriation, Memorial day	100.00	
Appropriation, liability insurance	150.00	
Appropriation, military preparedness committee	100.00	
Received E. F. Nealey on account old ice house	5.00	

\$455.00

Paid :

Isaac Davis Post, G. A. R.	\$100.00	
Employers' Liability Insurance Co.	288.30	
Finney & Hoit, flags	15.00	
News-Enterprise Co., advertising	1.60	
George W. Worster, repairs on carriage, W. and L. E. Hurley	8.50	
F. E. Tasker, returning births	5.38	
S. A. Christie, returning births	2.75	
E. J. Flaherty, returning births .....	.25	
H. J. Walcott, returning births .....	.75	
G. E. Titcomb, returning births .....	.25	
H. H. Braley, returning births .....	.25	
F. J. Barker, returning births .....	.25	
F. K. Shaw, returning births .....	.25	
M. H. Paine, returning births	2.75	
A. B. Parker, account military preparedness25	

18.16

\$444.69

Unexpended balance	10.31	
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\$455.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Transferred to :	
Police department	\$18.91
Fire department, general	107.43
Fire department, hydrant service	76.00
Health and sanitation	132.03
Highways and bridges	391.97
Town farm	203.87
Library	17.66
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	\$947.87
Unexpended balance	52.13
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\$1,000.00

Interest

Received interest on taxes	\$278.21
Received interest on deposits	95.90
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\$374.11

Paid :

First National bank of Ayer, interest on loans	\$380.00
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Municipal Indebtedness

Balance due First National bank of Ayer, January 1st, 1918	\$5,000.00
Received loans First National bank of Ayer	20,000.00
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\$25,000.00

Paid :

First National bank of Ayer	\$25,000.00
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Refunds

Abatements, 1916 taxes	\$6.00
Abatements, 1917 taxes	116.02
Abatements, 1918 taxes	50.31
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\$172.33

Financial Statement**Receipts**

Due from treasurer, January 1, 1918 ...	\$3,134.44
Due from collector, January 1, 1918	6,858.53
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\$9,992.97

Raised :

State tax	\$6,160.00
State highway tax	1,535.60
County highway tax	3,052.76

Highways and bridges	4,000.00
Lowell road	1,000.00
Memorial library, expense	450.00
Memorial library, books	200.00
Schools	21,000.00
Street lighting	3,250.00
Hydrant service	2,775.00
Moth work	827.15
Overlay	134.64

\$44,385.15

Less amount paid by State, on account intangible personal property	8,907.97
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\$35,477.18

Received :

Treasurer's report	\$47,169.48
Farm receipts	3,039.09
Interest on taxes	278.21
Moth tax	899.98
Excise tax	102.24

\$51,489.00

\$96,959.15

Expenditures

State tax	\$6,160.00
State highway tax	1,535.60
County tax	3,052.76
General government	2,156.89
Buildings and grounds	277.55
Police	276.96
Fire department, general	507.43
Fire department, special	191.50
Hydrant service	2,851.00
Brush fires	142.56
Moth	2,147.21
Tree warden	79.50
Health and sanitation	832.03
Highways and bridges	5,145.97
Street lighting	2,712.27
Town farm	3,742.96
Outside poor	1,144.88
State aid	542.00
Military aid	59.00
Library expense	497.66
Library books	466.12
Cemeteries	612.50
Cemeteries, perpetual care	468.13

Schools	20,605.65	
Printing	190.00	
Unclassified	444.69	
Interest on loans	380.00	
Municipal indebtedness	25,000.00	
Refunds	172.33	
Due from treasurer	7,743.20	
Due from collector	6,820.80	
		\$96,959.15

Financial Statement, December 31, 1918

Due from treasurer	\$7,743.20	
Due from collector	6,820.80	
Due from county treasurer, dog tax	259.35	
Due from State treasurer, moth work ..	645.38	
Due from State treasurer, inspector of animals	62.50	
Due from State treasurer, State aid	542.00	
Due from county treasurer, account Low- ell road	144.20	
Due from State treasurer, outside aid ..	70.00	
Due from State treasurer, use of steam roller	308.75	
		\$16,596.18

Liabilities

American Woolen Co., street lighting ..	\$541.32
Town Farm :	
M. E. Taylor & Co.	\$127.36
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.	4.00
E. Z. Stanley	31.78
W. E. Whitcomb	18.07
L. B. Ineson	7.02
C. H. Mead & Co.	146.84
Health and Sanitation :	
C. A. Dudley	\$5.68
E. A. Phalen	6.00
F. E. Tasker	10.00
E. S. Fobes	72.00
Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital ...	79.30
T. F. Newton	3.00

\$1,052.37

Balance in favor of the town \$15,543.81

Respectfully submitted

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Accountant.

South Acton, Mass., February 10, 1919.

I have examined the accounts of the tax collector and treasurer of the town of Acton, and find them correct to the best of my knowledge.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Accountant.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 1918

Cash on hand, January 1, 1918	\$3,134.44
Received from State treasurer :	
Corporation tax, public service	\$249.94
Corporation tax, business	9,099.84
Income tax, 1917	280.00
Income tax, 1918	8,907.97
Income tax, 1918, additional	1,067.59
National bank tax	691.43
State aid	624.00
Soldiers' exemption	60.07
Corporation tax	19.86
Lowell road account	900.00
Lowell road account	100.00
Moth work	106.17
Moth work	28.00
Inspection of animals	50.00
Tuition of children	9.75
Independent educational industrial schools	602.79
County treasurer, dog tax	317.49
Lowell road account	900.00
Slaughter license, George T. Weaver ..	100.00
Slaughter license, Mitchell and Mahoney	100.00
Town of Concord, Nagog taxes	25.12
E. C. Page, fire extinguisher	3.50
House of Correction, fines	10.50
Central Middlesex Court, fines	47.55
E. F. Nealey, town's interest in ice house	5.00
Cemetery lots sold, Mt. Hope	78.00
Cemetery lots sold, Woodlawn	16.00
Town of Ayer, use of roller	54.00
Sealer of weights and measures	56.17
W. B. Clark & Co., rebate on library books	5.85
Library fines	30.00
Rents	103.00
Massachusetts school fund	1,029.64
Superintendent of school fund	343.75

Boston & Maine R. R., rebate on school tickets	18.00	
Tuition of R. Webb	190.20	
Tuition of Enid Sadler	28.50	
Tuition of C. Sadler	28.50	
Tuition town of Stow	57.00	
Interest on deposits	95.90	
Interest on library fund	260.27	
Interest on cemetery fund	468.13	
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		\$27,169.48
First National bank of Ayer, loans		20,000.00
Town Farm Receipts :		
Milk	\$1,688.91	
Eggs	89.04	
Bags	20.74	
Telephone	1.72	
Teaming	34.80	
Fowl	24.85	
Cows	225.00	
Calves	36.00	
Potatoes25	
Horse	39.63	
Wood	364.00	
Apples	358.35	
Pigs	155.80	
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		\$3,039.09
Received of Collector :		
Taxes, 1916	\$365.66	
Interest, 1916	35.95	
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		\$401.61
Taxes, 1917	\$5,294.39	
Interest, 1917	208.61	
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		\$5,503.00
Taxes, 1918	\$30,857.08	
Interest, 1918	33.65	
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		\$30,890.73
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		\$90,138.35
Paid selectmen's orders	\$82,395.15	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1919	7,743.20	
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		\$90,138.35
	FRANK W. HOIT,	
	Treasurer.	

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WILDE MEMORIAL

LIBRARY FUND

Cash, Charlestown Five Cent Savings bank	\$1,000.00	
Warren Institution for Savings	1,000.00	
Home Savings bank	1,000.00	
Middlesex Institution for Savings ..	1,000.00	
North End Savings bank	1,000.00	
Luke Tuttle fund	200.00	
Hiram J. Hapgood fund	200.00	
Interest on deposits	237.29	
Bond, West Shore R. R., of Susan Augusta and Luther Conant fund ..	1,000.00	
Interest on bond	40.00	
Appropriation for books	200.00	
Balance unexpended	10.77	
		\$6,888.06
Cash in banks	\$5,400.00	
Bond, Conant fund	1,000.00	
Amount expended for books, 1918	466.12	
Balance unexpended	21.94	
		\$6,888.06
		FRANK W. HOIT, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FUNDS HELD FOR CARE OF

LOTS IN CEMETERIES

Bonds, West & South Water Supply District of Acton	\$8,100.00	
Cash in banks and Liberty bonds	9,552.90	
Unexpended balance	1,118.93	
John Temple lot	50.00	
W. T. Piper lot	100.00	
Walter A. Gilmore lot	50.00	
Henry F. Hosmer lot	50.00	
Lyman Mead lot	100.00	
Cyrus Pickard lot	100.00	
James E. Billings lot	100.00	
Interest on bonds	318.00	
Interest on deposits	320.04	
		\$19,959.87

Paid for care of lots	\$468.13
West & South Water Supply District, bonds	7,800.00
Cash in banks	7,602.90
Liberty bonds	2,800.00
Unexpended balance	1,288.84

\$19,959.87

FRANK W. HOIT,
Treasurer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation on April 1, 1918

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$1,164,795.00
Land, exclusive of buildings	542,010.00
Personal estate	366,476.00

Total valuation	\$2,073,281.00
Valuation April 1, 1917	2,067,674.00

Increase in valuation	\$5,607.00
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Rate of taxation, \$16.50.

Tax Assessed as Follows :

Real estate	\$28,162.36
Personal estate	6,046.82
Polls	1,268.00

\$35,477.18

Received from State, account intangible personal	8,907.97
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\$44,385.15

Moth tax	899.98
Excise tax	102.24

Amount of Money Raised

For State tax	\$6,160.00
State highway tax	1,535.60
County tax	3,052.76
Town grant	33,502.15
Overlay	134.64

\$44,385.15

JAMES B. TUTTLE,
ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB,
RALPH W. PIPER,
Assessors of Acton.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1916 Taxes		
Uncollected January 1, 1918	\$365.66	
Interest collected	35.95	
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		\$401.61
Paid treasurer	\$395.61	
Abatements	6.00	
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		\$401.61
1917 Taxes		
Uncollected January 1, 1918	\$6,242.14	
Uncollected January 1, 1918, excise tax,	250.73	
Interest collected	208.61	
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		\$6,701.48
Paid treasurer	\$5,386.98	
Abatements	116.02	
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		\$5,503.00
Uncollected January 1, 1919		\$1,198.48
1918 Taxes		
Town, State and county taxes committed		
to collector, October 1, 1918	\$44,385.15	
Less amount returned from State, ac-		
count intangible personal	8,907.97	
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		\$35,477.18
Moth tax		899.98
Interest collected		33.65
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		\$36,410.81
Excise tax		102.24
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		\$36,513.05
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Paid treasurer	\$30,840.42	
Abatements	50.31	
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		\$30,890.73
Uncollected January 1, 1919	\$5,520.08	
Uncollected January 1, 1919, excise tax,	102.24	
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		\$5,622.32
ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB,		
Collector.		

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1918

Investments		
Warren Institution for Savings, Book 83531	\$1,160.96	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank, Book 71200	1,000.00	
City Institution for Savings, Lowell, Book 84244	1,000.00	
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		\$3,160.96
Receipts		
Warren Institution for Savings, dividends	\$51.64	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings bank, dividends	50.00	
City Institution for Savings, dividends,	45.00	
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		\$146.64
Payments		
Paid H. F. Robbins, care of Goodnow lot, Woodlawn cemetery	\$3.50	
Unpaid income for care of cemetery lot, deposited with Warren Institution for Savings	25.64	
H. F. Robbins, treasurer of Evangelical Congregational church in Acton ...	117.50	
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		\$146.64
LUTHER CONANT, I. WARREN FLAGG, HORACE F. TUTTLE, Trustees of Goodnow Fund.		

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The overseers of the poor submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1918 :

There has not been many cases of outside poor aided this year, but some of this has been expensive; still we have been able to keep well within the appropriation.

We recommend that \$1,300 be appropriated for this department.

The warden and matron of the town home, Mr. and Mrs. Stearns, resigned the first of June. We hired Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, who have since had charge of the home, but coming so late in the season, they could not accomplish the best results. A large sum was received from the sale of milk, apples, wood, and stock, but not enough to pay the running expenses. We have shingled the shed, repaired windows and doors, replacing some with new ones. Bought a horse, a sprayer and an engine for pumping water. We recommend that the amount appropriated be large enough to meet the expenses of this department, or that the farm be closed or rented and the inmates be boarded out.

We recommend that all bills against this department be rendered monthly. Some bills were not received in time to get into this report. See town accountant's report for financial report of this department.

WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY, Chairman,
CHARLES J. HOLTON,
WARREN H. JONES.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

January 1st, 1919.

The board of health submits the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1918 :

Burial permits issued in Acton	32
Burial permits issued in other places	34

List of contagious diseases reported by the board of health, January 1st, 1918, to December 31, 1918 :

Deaths from influenza	3
Measles	6
Tuberculosis, 2; pulmonary tuberculosis, 1	3
Whooping cough	2
Scarlet fever	7
Influenza	62
Chickenpox	7

Your board would recommend that \$1,000 be appropriated for use of the board for the present year, as the State board has added the duty of inspecting stables and the issuing of permits for the production and sale of all milk used in the town, the expense to be borne by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH,

By C. A. Dudley, Agent.

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR

I herewith submit the following report for the year 1918 :

Dairy cows	560
Young cattle	190
Bulls	29
Swine	193
Sheep	37

I have quarantined in the year eight head of cattle with tuberculosis, which were taken by the State and killed.

FRED S. WHITCOMB,
Inspector.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MEAT

Acton, Mass., January 1, 1919.

Selectmen, Town of Acton :

Gentlemen—Enclosed find beef inspected for the town of Acton for the year 1918 :

Cows	190	Condemned	6
Hogs	200	Condemned	0
Veal	793	Condemned	21

Total	1183		27
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Yours truly,

EDWARD S. FOBES,
Inspector of Meat.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

Paid :

James O'Neil, labor, team expenses	\$56.25
Arthur Manion, labor	22.50

\$78.75

I would recommend the raising of \$300.00 for spraying the elm trees this year.

JAMES O'NEIL,
Tree Warden.

LIST OF JURORS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN,

JULY 22, 1918

Precinct 1

J. Sidney White	Farmer
Willis J. Holden	Farmer
Thomas F. McCarthy	Stone Cutter
Arthur F. Davis	Librarian
Herbert F. Robbins	Farmer
James B. Tuttle	Farmer
Arthur Harris	Stone Cutter
Fred Billings	Housepainter
George E. Murphy	Farmer
William H. Kingsley	Contractor

Precinct 2

Frank W. Hoit	Merchant
William B. Franklin	Farmer
Benjamin W. Ineson	Clerk
Nelson J. Cole	Merchant
Laurin Pratt	Carpenter
Walter E. Hayward	R. R. Employee
Warren H. Jones	Farmer
William S. Fletcher	R. R. Employee
Earl F. Hayward	Machinist
T. F. Newton	Clerk

Precinct 3

Everett R. Sanborn	Farmer
M. J. Handley	Farmer
James N. Berry	Carpenter
George E. Holton	R. R. Employee
Herbert W. Owens	Decorator
Allen Brooks Parker	Lawyer
E. L. White	Woodworker
James E. McGregor	Carpenter
Albert R. Beach	Woodworker
William L. Tenney	Machinist

WEEK OF MARCH 24-31



THE RED CROSS

WANTS

ALL THE USED CLOTHING
UNDERWEAR, SHOES
and BLANKETS

IT CAN GET

To clothe and comfort

The Refugees of the Devastated Countries
of Europe

THE NEED IS URGENT

*Notify your local Red Cross
They will call for it*

Mr. HOOVER'S APPEAL

MR. HOOVER has cabled the American Red Cross for an immediate supply of every kind of clothing for the millions of men, women and children in the war-devastated areas and countries of Europe. He says the sufferings of these people from lack of clothing are indescribable and the mortality will be of a magnitude which will double the horrors of the war unless the people are clothed at once. There are no materials in Europe to make clothing, the four years of war have consumed everything in the way of material, and in many places paper has been used to make clothing. But even paper cannot be had now.

The people suffering most acutely for clothing are those who have been freed from the German yoke in Northern France, Belgium, Serbia, Czecho-Slovakia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Northern Italy, Northern Greece, Poland and Armenia.

To meet this grave emergency the American Red Cross will begin a drive for used clothing of every description, on March 24 to continue to March 31. Every member of the Red Cross is asked to take part in this drive, collect all the used clothing and shoes possible and see that these are sent to the headquarters of the local or nearest Red Cross organization.

The Red Cross will attend to all of the collecting, packing and shipping of this clothing and the distribution in Europe will be under American supervision. Mr. Hoover will provide the organization and machinery to effect the distribution.

This is a war duty as well as a humanitarian necessity.

Our soldiers won the war. Let us finish the job handsomely.

THE THINGS MOST NEEDED

MENS' WEAR—

Shirts (preferably of light-colored flannels), undershirts, underdrawers, trousers, coats, work-suits, suits, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, sweaters, sweater-vests, socks.

WOMEN'S WEAR—

Skirts, drawers, corset-slips, petticoats, blouses, shirts, coats, suits (2-piece), shoes, cloth hats, knitted caps, stockings.

BOYS' WEAR—

Shirts, union suits, undershirts, coats, suits, trousers, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, stockings, sweaters, socks.

GIRLS' WEAR—

Dresses, skirts, overcoats, night dresses, drawers, stockings, undergarments, petticoats, suits, blouses, waists, shoes.

BOYS' and GIRLS' WEAR—

Hooded caps, pinafores, woolen union suits.

INFANTS' WEAR—

Baby blankets, baby shirts, sweaters, bonnets, bibs, diapers, shoes, binders, baby dresses, cloaks, jackets, shawls, socks, booties.

MISCELLANEOUS—

Bed-ticks, bed-sheets, pillow cases, blankets, mufflers.

Tie each pair of shoes together.

Woolen goods of any kind whatsoever are acceptable; soft hats and caps for all ages, and sweaters of any kind and size.

Men's shirts and pajamas, so worn or shrunken as no longer to be serviceable are particularly welcome, since the material can be utilized for making children's garments.

THINGS NOT WANTED

Ball dresses, high hats, straw hats, derby hats, trimming for hats, feathers, mattresses, flimsy dresses, collars, shoe trees, canes, pillows, rugs, clocks, carpets, toys, neckties, crutches, parasols, crockery, umbrellas, glassware.

If you cannot deliver the clothing yourself, sign your name and address below and send this page to your local Red Cross Headquarters—they will call for the bundle—no contribution is too small—but give all you can.

I will have bundle ready for delivery on March.....

Name

Street Address.....

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NOTE.—Use pencil in filling in above.

Organize the World through a League of Nations

Question 1. Why should the world be organized?

Answer. Organization has been made acutely necessary as the only way to prevent destruction of civilization by war. It is the next step in the development of civilization. The world should be organized as effectively as we have already organized cities, states, and nations.

Q. 2. What does world peace mean?

A. It does not mean merely stopping war. If this war should come to an end without laying the foundations of organization between the nations, we should not have peace but only an armed truce. "Peace means a condition of organized living together among nations."

Q. 3. How can the nations have an "organized living together"?

A. The forty-eight nations can be organized eventually on somewhat the same plan as that on which our forty-eight states are organized, with a Supreme Court to settle disputes between them; with a conference or congress meeting regularly, its members chosen from all the nations; and with a common police force to ensure order and safety.

Q. 4. What is the first step to be taken toward such organization?

A. Education of the public on the needs and methods of world organization and immediate preparation for a League of Nations as its initial feature.

Q. 5. What should the members of a League of Nations agree to do?

A. The members should agree to settle all disputes between one another without resort to violence and bloodshed, and to protect one another from injustice and attack from outside their number. They should also provide for common defence against a possible recalcitrant member.

Q. 6. What should be the essential foundations of the League?

A. (a) A World Court. (b) A Permanent Council of Conciliation. (c) A World Conference meeting regularly.

Q. 7. What should a World Court do?

A. It should settle international disputes capable of judicial decision.

Q. 8. What should a Permanent Council of Conciliation do?

A. It should be in constant session to study causes of friction and to take such action as will promote better understanding and good feeling. It should receive disputes exclusive of those that involve questions of law, and should

examine and report on them to the members of the League, with recommendations for their settlement.

Q. 9. What should the World Conference do?

A. It should create new international law, and provide for new agreements needed to preserve justice in a world of growth and change.

Q. 10. What would happen if one of the great nations at the Peace Settlement should refuse to come into the League?

A. It would leave the world divided, and thereby hinder the realization of international peace.

Q. 11. Would a League be of any value if Germany remained out of it?

A. Yes; for though it would not ensure permanent peace, the members of the League, acting under collective control, might exert such pressure on Germany, both educational and economic, as would finally force her to enter the League.

Q. 12. What are the principal advantages of membership in the League?

A. (a) Equal trade opportunities, by the abolition of preferential tariffs and the removal of economic barriers, so far as practicable. (b) Greater security without the necessity of huge rival armaments.

Q. 13. Is it likely that Germany, as a member of the League, would keep her pledges in the future, after having broken so many in the past?

A. Not only would it be for the material advantage of each nation to keep its pledges, but, as stated above, the League would exert compulsion on any recalcitrant member.

Q. 14. When should the organization of the League be consummated?

A. At the Peace Conference. But its detailed plan or constitution should now be carefully worked out by the best international minds and accepted by the peoples. Since all territorial readjustments and other agreements will be profoundly affected by the decision as to whether or not there is to be a League of Nations and what its character is to be, it is therefore absolutely necessary to have a plan thoroughly thought out beforehand. The delegates to the Peace Conference should be instructed to present a plan for a League of Nations as a basis for all other settlements.

Q. 15. Would a nation lose any of its sovereignty if it joined a League of Nations?

A. Yes; but on the other hand it would gain far more than it lost, as did our

thirteen states when they united under our Constitution and each surrendered a small portion of its sovereignty. Each nation would still regulate its internal affairs, yielding control only in matters of international concern.

Q. 16. What force would a League of Nations use in addition to a propaganda of education?

A. Economic force, and the armies and navies of the nations of the League acting under collective control. As soon as possible, however, after the war, national armies and navies should by mutual agreement be reduced and transformed into a genuine international police force whose sole function will be to maintain law and order.

Q. 17. Would large and small nations have an equal vote in the World Conferences?

A. There is as yet no agreement on this matter. It is possible that there might be an upper house representing all nations equally on the basis of our Senate, and a lower house based on population, as in our House of Representatives. National resources, education, and other elements might also enter into the consideration. Justice and satisfaction must be given the weaker nations as to their vote, otherwise suspicion of the strong nations might lead to a coalition of the small states. As soon as trade barriers and the consequent rival armaments are removed, there will be little to fear. Prosperity and safety will be as assured to a dweller in a small country as to one living in a large country; —just as a citizen of a small town or small state is as prosperous and safe as a citizen of a large city or of a large state. A man, for example, is as prosperous and safe living in Westfield, Massachusetts, as if he lived in Boston; and equally so in Rhode Island as in New York State.

Q. 18. Can World Organization abolish war among nations?

A. War can be abolished among nations as surely as it has been abolished between cities and between states. Six hundred years ago European walled cities had armies which fought one another; Scotland and England fought one another; little princedoms in Germany fought one another. Internal peace came when all these little units became parts of a larger whole. Our Supreme Court has settled upwards of eighty interstate disputes. Without our federal organization and our Supreme Court, friction would inevitably have led to war in many cases. International war can practically be abolished by a League of Nations developing world organization. War between nations is bound to be abolished just as much as slavery and other long existing evils have been abolished.

Q. 19. What is to be said to those who argue that war is inevitable so long as human nature remains unchanged?

A. That the same human nature that has abolished war between cities and between states has only to go one step farther and to abolish it between groups of nations. It is not primarily a question of human nature, but one of organization.

Q. 20. Why should we plan *now* for what is coming after the war?

A. If we wait until the last shot is fired, it will be too late to make sure that the peoples and not precedent and privilege shall dictate the agreements. The world will in any case be embittered and frightfully impoverished, and will find itself in a state of industrial and financial chaos. Under these conditions men new to such problems will be unable to grapple successfully with the colossal task of world organization. It is the duty of all patriots at this moment to enter on a new preparedness, based on President Wilson's ultimate aims as expressed in his fourteen points on January 8, 1918. The ground plan for the new edifice must be marked out *now*, and the free peoples of the world must bring materials for its erection or the fruits of victory may be lost.

Lord Bryce has said: "If the opportunity which the close of the present conflict will offer for the provision of means to avert future wars be lost, another such may never reappear, and the condition of the world will have grown worse because the occurrence of the like calamities will have been recognized as a thing to be expected and their causes as beyond all human cure."

The leading statesmen of the world have signified their approval of a League of Nations. An informed public opinion is vital to its establishment.

No individual is unimportant in furthering this world plan. A taper may light a beacon fire!

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September 30, 1918.

**THE REPORT OF THE ACTON PREPAREDNESS COM-
MITTEE FOR THE YEAR, MARCH, 1917, TO
MARCH, 1918**

This committee was appointed in pursuance of a vote of the town of Acton at its annual meeting held in March, 1917. By that vote the moderator was made the chairman of the committee and was instructed to appoint four other members. In accordance with that authority the moderator appointed Messrs. Nelson J. Cole, Oliver D. Wood, Walter A. Tuttle and Ralph E. Gates. Mr. Tuttle attended but one meeting of the committee and has never acted with it. Mr. Gates attended a few meetings and took an interest in its work until some time in June last, when he left the country to engage in a lumbering enterprise in Scotland. Consequently the active membership of the committee has been limited to three for the greater part of the year.

It was at first contemplated that this committee would devote its efforts mainly to the organization of a local company of men as a military organization, but it early became apparent that other duties would be expected to be performed by it. The organization of a committee of public safety for the State rendered it desirable that the Acton preparedness committee should be the local representative of the State committee and should attend to such matters as were of local character. This your committee has sought to do.

At the beginning of the year the committee was asked to conduct a campaign to increase the production of food stuffs. It seems to us that this important work could be more satisfactorily conducted by the local Patrons of Husbandry and the local representatives of the Middlesex Farm Bureau. They were accordingly asked to take this work in charge and, we understand, have put forth some effort in the desired direction. Other work similar to that undertaken by the Red Cross societies was asked of us, but we plainly saw that such work would be a duplication, attended with a loss of effort.

Consequently we have left untouched this important work with the knowledge that it was being done better than we could do it. Other work of the character of instruction in food conservation and economics has been conducted by the Women's clubs, though the committee has received and distributed considerable literature upon this subject. Your committee has also

been asked by various State boards and officers to nominate men for important special duties and we have made the following nominations, all of which we believe have been appointed :

As a committee to keep an accurate record of the whereabouts and welfare of every Massachusetts man in the service of his country—Horace F. Tuttle, chairman; Frank W. Hoit, Allen Brooks Parker.

As a committee on fuel administration—Edgar H. Hall, chairman; James B. Tuttle, Frank W. Hoit.

As an agent to aid in the enrolment of men of different crafts and trades to assist in the construction of emergency shipping for the country—William H. Kingsley.

As a war savings committee to aid in the sale of War Savings Stamps—The several postmasters of the town.

A committee on food conservation and kindred activities—Mrs. Rachel Haynes.

A committee on food administration—Waldo E. Whitcomb.

In addition to the foregoing nominations your committee was asked to raise funds for the relief of the sufferers from the Halifax disaster and on the day following the calamity we began the work. Altogether \$239.05 was quickly raised and promptly remitted to the proper person. The larger part of this amount was raised in Precinct 1, where a house to house canvass was carried out.

The Home Guard—It was toward the organization of a company of the Massachusetts State or Home Guard that your committee bent its energy early in the year. A petition was circulated throughout the town to procure names of men who were willing to join such a company. Seventy-two names were procured and the petition filed with the State Guard board. Instruction in the elements of military drill began in April in each of the three precincts of the town, under the direction of the committee. At first these drills were only slightly attended, but gradually the numbers increased. A supplementary roll was subsequently prepared, so that the entire roster included ninety-eight names. Unfortunately quite a number of these were not regular attendants at drill and a few of the original signers never attended. Progress, however, was continuous, and in May your committee called the members of the company together and they chose Allen Brooks Parker, captain; Frank W. Chapman, first lieutenant; and Oliver D. Wood, second lieutenant. Drills were held weekly and with each drill interest and proficiency increased. The company was inspected in June by an officer of the State Guard and there was much to justify the opinion that Acton would again have within its limits a military organization as a part of the armed forces of the State. The hopes of your committee and of the public were, however, destined to be disappointed.

While the report of the inspecting officer recommended the mustering in of the company, he expressed a doubt as to the ultimate proficiency on account of widely scattered membership. The men were neither uniformed, nor armed. The State Guard board did not vote to accept the company and the men began to lose interest. It had been the attitude of the State Guard board not to uniform companies if possible to get them uniformed at private expense, and other things being equal to accept those companies that had uniformed themselves. The officers of this company did not feel justified in asking the men to uniform themselves at an expense which would have been burdensome to most of the members. Had this company been uniformed at the time of its inspection it might have been accepted. Shortly after the inspection the captain called upon General Ames, the commanding officer of the State Guard, and was informed no funds were available for the purchase of uniforms and unless companies uniformed themselves they would not be accepted. When this became known to the men attendance at drills began to grow smaller, until finally in July the officers decided to discontinue drills. The captain again in February consulted with the State officials in regard to uniforming the men this season, but was informed that nothing more could be done for the company. The officers of the company feel that they did everything in their power to make a success of this undertaking and are grateful for the loyal support of the men under their command. One regrettable fact in this failure to maintain the past reputation of Acton in things military, is the fact that this undertaking failed to receive the support of some prominent citizens of the town, who would count it an insult to have their patriotism questioned, but who, none the less, apparently loved the ease of physical inactivity more than the salutary exercise and wholesome stimulation of being a citizen soldier.

We recommend that a committee of a similar character be continued, as it performs a very useful purpose in co-operating with the State public safety committee. Also that the town make a small appropriation to cover the proper disbursements of such a committee.

FOR THE COMMITTEE,
Allen Brooks Parker, Chairman.

THE REPORT OF THE ACTON PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR, MARCH, 1918, TO MARCH, 1919

This committee is a continuance of the committee of last year, except that its membership was reduced to three; the names of Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Gates being dropped.

In accordance with the vote of the town at its last annual town meeting this committee, which has generally come to be called the "Acton Public Safety Committee," herewith presents its report. The report consists, in the main, of a compilation of the reports of the several war activities carried on in the town during the last two years. The committee has procured statements from as many of these activities as possible and has condensed them. They appear in such form, under their several heads :

ACTON BRANCHES OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

There are, in this town, two branches of the American Red Cross, the West and South Branch, and the Acton Center Branch. Work was undertaken in all three parts of town very shortly after the great war began and a considerable time previous to the affiliation of these branches with the national organization. In April, 1917, the West and South Branches united and were recognized as a part of the Middlesex Chapter, which had its headquarters at Lowell. In January, 1918, this branch was transferred to the Concord Chapter. The Acton Center Branch, comprising Acton Center, East and North Acton, became recognized as a branch of the Concord Chapter in May, 1918. The West and South Branch has collected by various means, such as food sales, entertainments, sales of old paper and magazines and penny collections at its meetings, \$2,934.53. It has expended for supplies, Christmas presents to "Our Boys," home service work, etc., \$2,451.02. From the beginning of the work to January 1, 1919, this Branch has produced :

Surgical dressings ...	22,676	Refugee garments	186
Knitted articles	1,368	Comfort kits	50
Hospital supplies	1,012		

Sixty-six soldiers and sailors from West Acton, South Acton, and Boxboro, have been supplied with knitted articles. In 1917, thirty-five Christmas boxes were sent and in 1918, Christ-

mas cards were sent to all our boys in the service. Two collections of clothing for Belgian sufferers were attended with generous response. A linen drive netted 121 articles, thirty-six more than were asked for. A home service committee has attended to the needs of soldiers' families.

In the month of May, 1918, the Red Cross Second War Fund Drive was inaugurated and the country was asked to subscribe \$100,000,000. The quota of West and South Acton was fixed at \$1,000. The actual amount raised was nearly twice, being \$1,993. The work for these districts was in charge of Mr. B. E. Hall, with Mrs. Ella Feltus captain of the West Acton team, and Mr. Fred W. Nagle of the South Acton team. Numerous solicitors were a part of each district's organization. In the drive for membership in December, 1918, the goal was fifty percent of the population. This was not quite attained, but 588 names were obtained, a percentage which was equal to and in excess of many surrounding towns. Mr. B. E. Hall was also in charge of this drive, with Mrs. R. Gates Baker of the West district, and Miss Clara Sawyer of the South district as captains, assisted by numerous solicitors. On account of sickness, Mrs. R. Gates Baker was obliged to give up the work before the completion of the drive and Miss Jennie Durkee filled the vacancy. The present membership is 588. We have no information relative to any drive previous to the one of May, 1918.

All the pupils of the public schools were enrolled as members of a Junior Red Cross and they produced 778 articles, consisting of gun wipes, weight bags, pin balls, comfort pillows and trench candles.

Facts relating to the Acton Center Branch are not as complete as is desirable, owing to the absence from town of its president while this report was in process of preparation. The following facts are to be noted, however: This branch has collected from all sources \$2,432.62. It has expended \$2,141.54. It has made and distributed 1,397 garments, of which a large number were knitted articles. In the 1918 drive for funds, \$745 were raised; about \$250 more than its allotment or quota. This drive was in charge of Mrs. George S. Tucker, Jr., and Miss Charlotte Conant, assisted by solicitors. In the Christmas 1918 drive for members, 244 were secured and this is its present membership. This drive was in charge of Mrs. Albion Millan and Miss Charlotte Conant, assisted by solicitors.

An Acton Center Junior Red Cross was also organized, with a membership of 77. It has raised \$49.03, and disbursed \$19.66. It has hemmed forty-six handkerchiefs, knitted one afghan and three washcloths, made ten fracture pillows, a bundle of fifty gun wipes, a pair of wristers and a pair of stockings. The work was in charge of Miss Ella L. Miller.

From the very beginning, both the West and South Branch and the Center Branch have had the most efficient and enthusiastic leadership. Mrs. Rachael Haynes of the West and South Branch, and Mrs. Gertrude Daniels of the Center Branch have each been at the head of their respective organizations from their beginning. Mrs. Alberta Tuttle as vice chairman of the West and South Branch, has given her special attention to the work carried on in South Acton. All of these ladies have shown unfailing devotion and their work has been a great inspiration to everyone.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LIBERTY LOANS

It has been found impossible to get data respecting these two loans which was full and accurate enough to be of value. Subscriptions were received by F. K. Shaw, M. D., representing Concord National bank, and Mr. Ralph Hastings, representing the North Middlesex Savings bank.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

The quota for the town of Acton was \$57,000. The number of subscribers and the amounts from each precinct are as follows :

Number of subscribers, Precinct 1 ..	153.	Amount,	\$36,600
Number of subscribers, Precinct 2 ..	140.	Amount,	46,900
Number of subscribers, Precinct 3 ..	251.	Amount,	36,500

Total	544		\$120,000
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The committee in charge of this work were F. K. Shaw for Precincts 1 and 3, and Ralph Hastings for Precinct 2. Mrs. R. Gates Baker was in charge of the canvassing for the entire town and was assisted by Mrs. George S. Tucker, captain of Precinct 1; Miss Clara Sawyer, captain Precinct 2, and Mrs. Ruth Gould, captain Precinct 3. A large number of solicitors assisted in the canvass. Honor flags showing that the town had reached its quota were unfurled in each precinct upon the last day of the drive. Mr. C. L. Crank, attorney general of Colorado, gave stirring addresses in each precinct, and Corporal F. E. Evans and Corporal S. A. Briggs of the Depot Brigade, 76th Division, played several duets upon cornets. A star showing that Acton had doubled its quota was afterward added to the flag.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

The quota for Acton was \$94,000. The amount and number of subscribers by precincts is as follows :

Number of subscribers, Precinct 1 ..	185.	Amount,	\$53,200
Number of subscribers, Precinct 2 ..	300.	Amount,	53,800
Number of subscribers, Precinct 3 ..	238.	Amount,	42,000

Total	723		\$149,000
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The drive for this loan was in charge of Mrs. R. Gates Baker, chairman, with Mrs. George S. Tucker, captain Precinct 1; Miss Clara Sawyer, captain Precinct 2, and Miss Jennie Durkee, captain Precinct 3. A large number of solicitors assisted in the canvass. Honor flags were also unfurled in each precinct, showing that Acton had met its quota and a blue star was presented to be placed upon the flag raised in the center of the town, showing that the town had doubled its quota. The solicitors were untiring in their efforts. In some cases several calls were made upon subscribers for their conveniences.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

The following facts relating to the War Savings Stamps which have been sold in Acton does not convey an absolutely accurate impression concerning the matter, due to the fact that the rural free delivery routes running both into Acton and out of Acton have sold considerable amounts and the record of these amounts have not been segregated. By precincts the number of subscribers, the number of stamps of a maturing value of five dollars each, and the maturity value of the aggregate is as follows :

Precinct 1—Number of subscribers	114
Precinct 2—Number of subscribers	311
Precinct 3—Number of subscribers	330

Total	755
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Precinct 1—Number of stamps	164.	Maturity value	\$820
Precinct 2—Number of stamps	1963.	Maturity value	9,815
Precinct 3—Number of stamps	1887.	Maturity value	9,435

Total	4014	\$20,070
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The organization for the town was as follows : Chairman for the town, Mr. W. F. Kelley; captain Precinct 1, Miss May Pickard; captain Precinct 2, Mrs. Louise L. Clark; captain Precinct 3, Miss Eleanor Weeks.

The above figures take no account of the Thrift Stamps that have been sold in town, as no records of these are kept. Only War Savings Stamps of a maturity value of five dollars each are reported.

Y. M. C. A. DRIVE

In the spring of 1917, a drive for the war work of the Young Men's Christian Association was conducted. The amount of about \$1,000 was raised in the entire town. About \$300 in Precinct 1, \$100 in Precinct 2, and \$600 in Precinct 3. The exact figures are not now available without considerable search, due to the fact that the treasurer of the committee is out of town. The chairman of the committee was Mr. Edgar H. Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

About fifty dollars was contributed for the work of this organization, the same being forwarded to the Marlboro Chapter.

THE UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

This work consisted of a drive to raise funds for numerous organizations engaged in furnishing entertainment, instruction and many other most desirable comforts to the soldiers in the field and in camps. These organizations included : The Young Men's Christian Association, Young Woman's Christian Association, The Knights of Columbus, The Jewish Welfare Board, The War Camp Community Service, The Salvation Army, and The American Library Association. The funds realized from the drive were apportioned among these organizations according to the magnitude of their work. The quota for Acton was \$3,000. It raised \$3,061.89. The organization of this work for the town was as follows : Bertram D. Hall, chairman for the town ; George S. Tucker, Jr., captain Precinct 1 ; Lewis T. Willard, captain Precinct 2 ; R. Gates Baker, captain Precinct 3. Contributions were as follows :

Number of contributors—Precinct 1,	173.	Amount	\$814.00
Number of contributors—Precinct 2,	217.	Amount	733.95
Number of contributors—Precinct 3,	237.	Amount	763.94

Total	627	\$2,311.89
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The American Powder Company gave \$2,000 from its Boston office, of which \$750 was credited to Acton.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION

The Food Administration in Acton did not become so serious a problem as in some communities. The people and the dealers in food stuffs were almost without exception anxious to aid to the fullest in the production, conservation and distribution of food. There appears to be no data of the amount of food produced in town, but it is common knowledge that an amount greatly in excess of pre-war years was produced. In this respect many home gardens were conducted, which were unutilized for that purpose formerly. Notice should not be passed over that a tract of land near Acton Center was given free use of by Mr. James B. Tuttle to be used as a boys' summer camp. This camp furnished much necessary labor to the farmers of this and adjoining towns, without which the food production of this locality would have been greatly reduced. A boys' and girls' contest was held for the production of the best half-acre of field corn. The food conservation activities were largely carried on through the agency of the Red Cross Branches, the Women's clubs and the local representatives of the Women's Council for National Defense. A much larger amount than usual of food stuffs were canned, dried and preserved, thus

showing that the housewives of Acton are thrifty, as well as patriotic. Much literature was received and distributed, calculated to aid housewives in conserving food. Regulations respecting food control were, in the main, handed down from nation, state and county authority. A flour inventory was taken in May, 1918. No hoarding was discovered. On the contrary the fact was disclosed that families were almost without exception complying with the regulations and had very small quantities of flour on hand. The sugar situation became somewhat more difficult of regulation. It became necessary to place the town upon the card or coupon system for the distribution of sugar in order that honest consumers might receive the protection their due as against the dishonest. The system was similar to the one in use in many other towns. It was of short duration and the people accommodated themselves to it in good spirit.

The Food Administration was in charge of Mr. Allen Brooks Parker, assisted by Miss Charlotte Conant, Mr. N. J. Cole, Mr. James B. Tuttle, and Mr. W. E. Whitcomb.

FUEL ADMINISTRATION

The Fuel Administration was in charge of Mr. Edgar H. Hall, Frank W. Hoit and James B. Tuttle. Their authority was entirely subject to State authorities. Their efforts were largely confined to trying to obtain coal in sufficient quantities to meet the needs of the people. In this particular they were fairly successful so far as South Acton was concerned, but without fault on their part there continued a considerable shortage in the West District. With the approval of the State Fuel Administrator the price was fixed for 1917, at \$10.50 at the car for West and South Acton, and \$11.00 delivered at the Center. For 1918, the price was \$1.00 higher.

THE CHURCHES

The churches of the town have held gatherings, in which the pastors have kept before the people the critical issues of the great war and much of an instructive character has emanated from this source. It must not be overlooked, furthermore, that through the agency of the churches the people have been helped to seek the aid of All Mighty God in the prosecution of this war and His blessing in the success of those issues for which we were fighting, issues in which our fathers and forefathers were rewarded by the blessing of Him, who holds the destinies of the nations in the hollow of His hand. Thanksgiving services were held in the churches upon the signing of the armistice, for the hearts of the people rejoiced in His salvation.

ROSTER OF MEN IN THE SERVICE

It has been concluded by your committee that it is unwise to attempt to publish at this time a list of the Acton men in

the military and naval service of the country. Such a list at this time could hardly be expected to be complete, either in its personnel or other desirable information relating to individual record and service. Another committee has been appointed for the collecting of this information and has already begun its work. Its report will be available for public record at some future time.

THE LUMBER UNIT

Early in the summer of 1917, numerous American Lumber Units were organized to assist the British Government in furnishing lumber for war purposes. Such a unit was organized in this locality and several Acton men joined it. It was stationed at Ardgay, Scotland, and made a very creditable record in the speed and quantity of manufactured lumber that it turned out. Mr. Webster Blanchard was in charge of this unit.

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Early in the course of the great epidemic of influenza your committee was asked by the State Board of Health to organize the town against a possible spread of the dead disease. The committee sought to avoid this work, as it properly belonged to the local Board of Health. However, after urgent request, a skeleton organization was effected, consisting of a district nurse, a district housekeeper, and the service of an automobile for each precinct. The local Board of Health was able to adequately deal with the situation and our organization performed no work.

CONCLUSION

Your committee recognizes that this report is a wholly inadequate representation of the war activities of the people of the town. Much more might have been said of an interesting character. The work of its preparation has been a considerable task for all who have contributed to its substance and a limited space has determined its length.

In conclusion your committee thinks that the contribution which the people of Acton have made toward the winning of the great war has been a creditable one. Because of small population this contribution has been quickly lost in the great aggregate of the State and nation, but it has been typical of the spirit of the great American people.

There seems little doubt that the Imperial German Government would not have precipitated the war had they adequately gauged the spirit of our people and their capacity for accomplishment.

FOR THE COMMITTEE,
Allen Brooks Parker, Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1918-1919

Luther Conant, President	E. Faulkner Conant, Secretary
Delette H. Hall	Frank Knowlton
Mrs. Caroline L. Brown	George T. Ames
J. S. White	Horace F. Tuttle
	L. A. Hesselton

The service of the Acton Memorial Library has pursued the even tenor of its way the past year with the average demand for books. That the call is less than we would have it, goes without saying. The reasons for this have been discussed in recent reports which we need not repeat.

The vacancies in the Board of Trustees were filled at a special meeting called for the purpose. Mrs. Caroline L. Brown was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Moses Taylor and Mr. George T. Ames, a soldier of the Union, to take Mr. Hiram Hapgood's place. The choice of both was unanimous.

The library has been fortunate in the gifts received the past year. Mrs. Caroline L. Brown donated a life size oil portrait of Daniel Webster, suitably framed. Governor Long said of Webster: "Our mightiest intellect, our greatest statesman and our most renowned and powerful orator." The Webster portrait is hung at the left entrance to the reading room. A visitor, standing under the mantle would see on his right the marble semblance of Washington, on the other cornered the one of Lincoln, both by the eminent sculptor, Thomas Ball, and on the opposite wall the portrait of Webster, three great Americans.

The grave has just been closed over the lifeless form of one, who by his intense patriotism, his virile Americanism may well be named with illustrious Americans.

We have received from Miss Ellen A. Kimball of Littleton a copy, four quarto volumes, richly bound in leather, of "The Memorial History of Boston," from the settlement in 1630 to 1880, two hundred and fifty years, a symposium by many prominent authors.

Before closing we cannot refrain from expressing our thanks to the many brave sons of Acton, who in this, one of the greatest eras of the world's history, have gone wherever duty called, whether in the trenches on the battlefields of France, upon the high seas, in the mountains of Scotland, for the Red

Cross or the Y. M. C. A. And last but not least to the noble women of Acton who have given so freely of their time and labor, to ameliorate the conditions of their sons and brothers in the service, not forgetting those who have gone abroad, real angels of mercy to care for the sick and wounded without regard to race or color.

We ask the town to vote the same appropriation, \$200.00 for new books and \$450.00 for current expenses as in years past.

Respectfully submitted,
LUTHER CONANT,
For the Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Accessions : Number of volumes in the library January 1, 1918, 13,411. Increase by purchase 317, of which 25 were obtained by binding magazines. Increase by gift 49. Total increase 366. Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1919, 13,777.

Circulation : Number of days library was opened 100. Number of volumes circulated 8,850. Daily average circulation $88\frac{1}{2}$. Largest daily circulation 138, on June 15th. Smallest daily circulation 43 on April 3.

Received from fines	\$30.75
Expended for postage .....	.75

\$30.00

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources : U. S. Government 5; State of Massachusetts 21; Mrs. J. M. Brown 4; E. Carbonnel 1; Carnegie Endowment 1; Mrs. E. S. Fobes 4; Mrs. E. P. Gates 1; Miss Ellen Kimball 4; Harold R. Phalen 1; Benj. Pope 5; New Church 1; Security League 1.

ARTHUR F. DAVIS,
Librarian.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

IN 1918

NON-FICTION

- Aldrich, A.—A hilltop on the Marne 940-A365h
 Andrews, R. C. and Y. B.—Camps and trails in China 915.1-A569c
 Anon—Drawings by Rembrandt 74-A100l
 Anon—Wounded and a prisoner of war 940-A100w
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For the Year Ending December 31, 1918

We present the following schedule showing the amounts of the several funds for the perpetual care of cemetery lots and the income and expenditures on account of each fund for the year.

JULIAN TUTTLE,
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 HORACE F. TUTTLE,
 Cemetery Commissioners.

CEMETERY FUNDS FOR CARE OF LOTS

WOODLAWN CEMETERY

NAME OF FUND

Deposit
No. Date of

No.	Date of	NAME OF FUND	Amount Deposited	On hand Jan. 1, 1918	Income	Expended	On hand Dec. 31, 1918
1		Hepsabeth Piper	\$50.00	\$51.75	\$1.75	\$0.00	\$53.50
2		Frederick Rouillard	100.00	100.15	3.50	2.50	101.15
3		William W. Davis	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
4		Jedediah Tuttle	50.00	50.75	1.75	2.00	50.50
5		Mary Skinner	200.00	205.67	7.00	4.65	208.02
6		Nancy K. Handley	500.00	555.24	17.50	10.24	562.50
7		Mary Severance	100.00	103.50	3.50	3.00	104.00
8		Mary W. Chaffin	100.00	102.25	3.50	3.00	102.75
9		Warren Robbins	100.00	103.00	3.50	1.00	105.50
10		Henry Loker	100.00	102.04	3.50	3.00	102.54
11		Henry Lothrop	200.00	202.74	7.00	4.62	205.12
12		Luther W. Piper	100.00	104.67	3.50	3.08	105.09
13		James Temple	100.00	103.00	3.50	2.00	104.50
14		Fidelia Wheeler	100.00	102.07	3.50	3.00	102.57
15		William H. Chapman	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.00	103.00
16		Mary A. Robbins	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.00	103.00
17		Daniel Wetherbee	100.00	101.35	3.50	2.00	102.85
18		James Tuttle	100.00	101.66	3.50	3.08	102.08
19		Julia Morrison	75.00	75.47	2.63	2.75	75.35
20		Elbridge J. Robbins	100.00	102.00	3.50	2.00	103.50
21		William Jennings	100.00	103.00	3.50	2.00	104.50
22		Adeline Weston Blood	100.00	105.61	3.50	3.00	106.11
23		Irving V. Whitecomb	100.00	100.70	3.50	3.00	101.20
24		John Fletcher	100.00	100.83	3.50	3.00	101.33
25		W. E. Faulkner	75.00	75.90	2.63	2.00	76.53
26		Amanda M. Barnard	100.00	101.97	3.50	3.00	102.47

27	George T. Ames	100.00	101.70	3.50	3.08	102.12
28	Horace Tuttle	100.00	102.59	3.50	2.00	104.09
29	Samuel Jones	50.00	51.22	1.75	2.00	50.97
30	Francis Hosmer	150.00	164.47	5.25	3.00	166.72
31	Mary E. Robbins	100.00	100.97	3.50	2.00	102.47
32	Luther and Augustine Conant	500.00	536.27	17.50	14.00	539.77
33	Hannah D. Robbins	50.00	50.17	1.75	2.00	49.92
34	Elisha H. Cutler	100.00	103.50	3.50	3.50	103.50
35	Nathaniel Jones	50.00	51.50	1.75	2.00	51.25
36	Solomon Smith	75.00	75.51	2.63	2.00	76.14
37	Gaius W. Allen	100.00	101.57	3.50	3.00	102.07
38	Varnum and Francis Tuttle	250.00	253.44	8.75	4.00	258.19
39	Aaron Fletcher	100.00	102.15	3.50	3.00	102.65
40	Mary J. Harrington	200.00	206.95	7.00	3.50	210.45
41	Elnathan Jones	100.00	102.20	3.50	3.00	102.70
42	Nathan Chaffin	100.00	103.17	3.50	2.50	104.17
43	Jonathan W. Loker	100.00	102.96	3.50	3.00	103.46
44	Rev. James T. Woodbury	100.00	113.16	3.50	2.00	114.66
45	Henry M. Smith	75.00	75.83	2.63	2.00	76.46
46	Julian Tuttle	100.00	111.50	3.50	10.00	105.00
47	James E. Harris	50.00	50.73	1.75	1.00	51.48
48	Francis Conant	100.00	101.76	3.50	3.00	102.26
49	Elbridge G. Parker	100.00	103.18	3.50	3.00	103.68
50	Lemuel and Augusta Dole	100.00	102.35	3.50	3.50	102.35
51	Edwin Fletcher	50.00	51.13	1.75	2.00	50.88
52	Nancy Raymond and Joseph Estabrook	100.00	100.22	3.50	3.00	100.72
53	Edward Tuttle	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.00	102.00
54	Abram H. Jones	100.00	100.54	3.50	3.40	100.64
55	Joseph A. Whitcomb	100.00	104.33	3.50	2.00	105.83
56	Isaac T. Flagg	100.00	102.54	3.50	3.00	103.04
57	Jonas K. Putney	150.00	157.71	5.25	3.00	159.96
58	Joseph L. Reed	50.00	52.65	1.75	1.50	52.90
59	Charlotte C. Flagg	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.40	101.60
60	Cyrus G. Dole	100.00	102.87	3.50	2.50	103.87
61	Daniel Fletcher	100.00	102.42	3.50	3.00	102.92

62	Asa Parker	100.00	102.83	3.50	3.40	102.93
63	William N. Wood	100.00	103.75	3.50	2.50	104.75
64	Leonard Bulette	100.00	102.20	3.50	3.00	102.70
65	Ruth Robbins	100.00	102.40	3.50	2.50	103.40
66	Henry T. Billings	100.00	100.33	3.50	4.50	99.33
67	Mary E. Lothrop	200.00	208.17	7.00	3.00	212.17
68	Lewis Wood, Jr.	100.00	104.03	3.50	2.50	105.03
69	George Conant	100.00	106.16	3.50	2.00	107.66
70	Zoeth Taylor	50.00	50.98	1.75	1.00	51.73
71	Herbert S. Lane	100.00	102.08	3.50	3.00	102.58
72	George H. Harris	100.00	111.40	3.50	0.00	114.90
73	Mary W. Fletcher	100.00	100.53	3.50	3.00	101.03
74	John J. Lothrop	50.00	54.37	1.75	0.00	56.12
75	Franklin P. Wood	100.00	104.66	3.50	3.00	105.16
76	Israel H. Giles	100.00	100.29	3.50	3.00	100.79
77	Joseph Barker	50.00	52.35	1.75	1.00	53.10
78	Emma F. Blood	50.00	53.35	1.75	0.00	55.10
79	Daniel J. and E. E. Wetherbee	200.00	207.50	7.00	5.60	208.90
80	Francis Campbell	200.00	204.50	7.00	4.00	207.50
81	Harriet W. Palmer	100.00	102.70	3.50	3.00	103.20
82	Jason W. Livermore	50.00	52.35	1.75	1.00	53.10
83	Josiah Piper	75.00	76.29	2.63	1.50	77.42
84	William F. Wood	50.00	50.69	1.75	1.50	50.94
85	John White	100.00	101.37	3.50	3.00	101.87
86	Cyrus Hale	100.00	100.80	3.50	3.00	101.30
87	Robert Wayne	75.00	75.63	2.63	2.00	76.26
88	Daniel Tuttle	200.00	205.00	7.00	8.00	204.00
89	Edwin Tarbell	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.00	102.00
90	Elisha Comstock	100.00	103.50	3.50	1.00	106.00
91	Luke Tuttle	100.00	100.78	3.50	3.08	101.20
92	Moses Taylor	400.00	412.00	14.00	8.00	418.00
93	William D. Tuttle	100.00	100.30	3.50	2.00	101.80
94	Cyrus Pickard	100.00		.87		100.87
95	J. E. Billings	100.00				100.00
		\$10,700.00	\$10,862.87	\$368.40	\$276.38	\$11,154.89

NORTH CEMETERY

1	Samuel Temple	\$50.00	\$52.29	\$1.75	\$0.00	\$54.04
2	Frances Hutchinson	50.00	53.04	1.75	1.50	53.29
3	Henrietta Anderson	50.00	52.54	1.75	1.50	52.79
4	Mary Hapgood	50.00	52.27	1.75	1.50	52.52
5	Jerusha Blood	200.00	228.75	7.00	0.00	235.75
		\$400.00	\$438.89	\$14.00	\$4.50	\$448.39

MT. HOPE CEMETERY

		\$75.00 1 sh. FRR	\$79.75	\$2.62	\$2.50	\$79.87
1	Eliza A. Whiteomb					
2	Phineas Wetherbee		35.40	5.00	2.50	37.90
3	S. Lizzie Hayward	100.00	123.10	3.50	2.50	124.10
4	Frank C. Hayward	500.00	509.33	17.50	17.50	509.33
5	George C. Wright	100.00	138.90	3.50	2.50	139.90
6	George Crampton	100.00	111.90	3.50	2.50	112.90
7	Joel Wright	100.00	113.65	3.50	3.00	114.15
8	George S. Wright	100.00	113.90	3.50	2.50	114.90
9	George C. Wright (Davis Memorial)	50.00	76.80	1.75		78.55
10	B. H. and O. K. Patch	50.00	50.15	1.75	1.75	50.15
11	Howard E. Faulkner	150.00	181.05	5.25	2.50	183.80
12	J. Warren Hayward	50.00	50.90	1.75	2.00	50.65
13	Lewis B. Goodnow	100.00	111.15	3.50	3.00	111.65
14	Sarah A. Hutchins	100.00	114.66	3.50	3.00	115.16
15	F. D. Walcott	100.00	115.31	3.50	2.75	116.06
16	A. Louise Warren and Simon Hosmer	150.00	166.52	5.25	3.50	168.27
17	John R. Houghton	100.00	112.62	3.50	2.50	113.62
18	William A. Cutler and Bradley Stone	100.00	103.08	3.50	5.00	101.58
19	John Blanchard	100.00	116.08	3.50	2.75	116.83
20	Wheeler and Shattuck	50.00	50.21	1.75	1.75	50.21
21	George H. Deoster	100.00	107.00	3.50	3.50	107.00
22	Henderson Rowell	50.00	50.03	1.75	1.75	50.03
23	Luke Blanchard	500.00	667.50	22.50		690.00
24	L. Blanchard, S. Blanchard tomb	100.00	133.00	4.50		137.50
25	Calvin and Luther Blanchard Memorial	100.00	129.00	4.50		133.50
26	John Temple and Edward F. Pratt	50.00	50.28	1.75	3.00	49.03
27	W. K. Davy	50.00	50.34	1.75	2.00	50.09
28	Ellis F. and Lucius S. Hosmer	100.00	111.72	3.50	3.00	112.22
29	Caroline A. Hosmer	100.00	111.10	3.50	3.00	111.60
30	Isaiah Reed	100.00	111.48	3.50	3.00	111.98
31	Benjamin F. Hapgood	100.00	110.23	3.50	3.00	110.73
32	Lucy A. (Wetherbee) Burbeck	100.00	108.73	3.50	2.75	109.48
33	Francis Jones	50.00	50.04	1.75	1.75	50.04
34	Simon Hartwell	100.00	109.45	3.50	3.00	109.95

35	Emerson Fuller	100.00	105.65	3.50	3.00	106.15
36	John Porter Priest	100.00	104.65	3.50	3.00	105.15
37	Harriet D. Brown	100.00	104.75	3.50	3.00	105.25
38	Oliver Mead	100.00	105.78	3.50	3.00	106.28
39	Bessie E. Brown	100.00	105.91	3.50	3.00	106.41
40	George Gardner	100.00	105.33	3.50	3.00	105.83
41	Hiram J. Hapgood	100.00	104.29	3.50	3.00	104.79
42	Charles Robinson	75.00	77.45	2.62	2.25	77.82
43	Emerline A. Johnson, F. E. Flint and H. Louis Bush	400.00	429.77	14.00	10.00	433.77
44	Nahum Littlefield	50.00	50.27	1.75	2.00	50.02
45	Francis Hayward	100.00	104.00	3.50	3.00	104.50
46	Charles S. Twichell	50.00	50.29	1.75	2.00	50.04
47	Francis Pratt	50.00	50.00	1.75	1.75	50.00
48	Marcus M. Keyes	500.00	524.16	17.50	12.00	529.66
49	Alcander P. Bean	100.00	102.58	3.50	3.00	103.08
50	Bancroft Whitcomb	100.00	102.95	3.50	3.00	103.45
51	Hobart E. Mead	100.00	103.08	3.50	2.50	104.08
52	Jerome B. Whitney	100.00	103.20	3.50	5.00	101.70
53	Varnum Robbins	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
54	Walter O. Holden	100.00	103.20	3.50	2.50	104.20
55	G. W. Knowlton	50.00	51.16	1.75	1.75	51.16
56	Edith A. Watson	50.00	51.16	1.75	1.75	51.16
57	A. Knowlton	50.00	51.16	1.75	1.75	51.16
58	Edwin Stone	100.00	100.35	3.50	2.50	101.35
59	Joseph E. Chandler	50.00	51.02	1.75	2.00	50.77
60	Granville E. Whitcomb	100.00	101.75	3.50	4.25	101.00
61	James E. Richardson	50.00	50.30	1.75	2.00	50.05
62	John Temple	50.00		2.62		52.62
63	William F. Piper	100.00		2.03	2.00	100.03
64	Walter A. Gilmore	50.00		1.01		51.01
65	Henry F. Hosmer	50.00		.87		50.87
66	Lyman Mead	100.00		.87		100.87
1918						
April 15	John Temple	50.00		2.62		52.62
June 1	William F. Piper	100.00		2.03	2.00	100.03
June 1	Walter A. Gilmore	50.00		1.01		51.01
July 6	Henry F. Hosmer	50.00		.87		50.87
Sept. 17	Lyman Mead	100.00		.87		100.87
		\$7,100.00	\$7,470.07	\$255.64	\$187.25	\$7,888.46

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee and Superintendent
of Schools

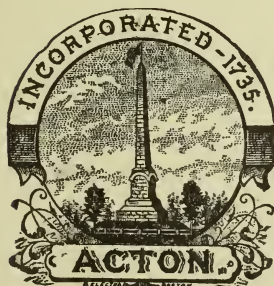
OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1918



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1919

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1919

March 14. Winter term closes13 weeks
 Vacation, one week

March 24. Spring term opens.

June 13.* Spring term closes12 weeks

1919-1920

Sept. 2. Fall term opens

Nov. 26. Fall term closes13 weeks
 Vacation, Thanksgiving and day following.

Dec. 1. Winter term opens.

Vacation, Christmas week and week following

1920

March 12. Winter term closes 13 weeks
 Vacation, one week

March 22. Spring term opens.

June 11.* Spring term closes 12 weeks

Total School Year38 weeks

*Subject to change.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

The words, "legal holidays," shall include the first day of January, the twenty-second day of February, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, the twelfth day of October, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, or the day following when any of the four days first mentioned, the twelfth day of October or Christmas Day occurs on Sunday. January 1 is now a legal holiday.

Arbor Day occurs on the last Saturday in April and is not a legal holiday.

Flag Day occurs on June 14, and is not a legal holiday.

In many cases the law requires it, and in all cases it is desirable that special exercises lasting from 30 minutes to an hour, appropriate to the day, shall be held in all the schools on the last session preceding the following named days: Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Columbus Day and Thanksgiving Day.

STANDING RULES

*Rule 1. Children under five years shall not be admitted to the public schools.

Rule 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school, according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

Rule 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term, unless qualified in the opinion of the teacher and superintendent of schools to do the work.

Rule 4. Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them until returned to the teacher.

Rule 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in the care of the school committee except by their authorized agents.

Rule 6. There shall be no signal for "no school" on stormy or other inclement days, but parents shall determine in their individual cases whether it is expedient to send their children to school or not.

*When the birthday of a child falls on or before the fifteenth day of the month it is reckoned as falling upon the first day of that month.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Committee

Edwin A. Phalen, Chairman	Term expires 1920
Bertram E. Hall, Secretary	Term expires 1919
Harry Nelson Brown	Term expires 1919

Superintendent

Frank H. Hill, Residence, Littleton, Mass.
Telephone, 36-3, Littleton.

Attendance Officers

Thomas Scanlon	West Acton
Carl Pickens	Acton Center
Walter M. French	South Acton

Janitors

Thomas Scanlon	West Acton
Carl Pickens	Acton Center
Theron Newton	South Acton

Teachers in Service, December 20, 1918

Teacher	School	Appointed	Educated	Home Address
Martha F. Smith	Center Primary	1902	Lowell Normal	Acton, Mass.
Ella L. Miller	Center Grammar	1899	Framingham Normal	North Acton, Mass.
Anna G. Taylor	Center Intermediate	1918	Fitchburg Normal	Ayer, Mass.
*(Mrs.) Evelyn K. Reed	West Primary	1918	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton, Mass.
Hazel Mae Stone	West Intermediate	1918	Gorham, (Me.) Normal	Cape Porpoise, Me.
Eula S. Taylor	West Grammar	1909	Mt. Holyoke College	South Acton, Mass.
Gladys Farnsworth	South Primary	1918	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton, Mass.
Julia L. McCarthy	South Upper Primary	1906	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton, Mass.
Jennie E. Stowell	South Intermediate	1907	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton, Mass.
*A. Eugenia LeMoine	South Grammar	1918	Lowell Normal	Nashua, N. H.

*Substitute teacher.

GENERAL REPORT

The personnel of our Board has been changed twice during the year. Early last fall Mr. Herbert W. Lewis was obliged to resign on account of a change in business, and consequent removal from South Acton.

The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee at a joint meeting appointed Mr. C. F. Edney of South Acton to fill the remainder of the year. Mr. Edney early gave evidence of being a valued addition to our Board, but unfortunately on account of ill health, he too, was obliged to resign. The Selectmen and the School Committee again met, and appointed Mr. Harry Nelson Brown to represent the South District.

Our financial report for the year 1918 shows an unexpended balance of \$3,019.97, notwithstanding the fact that the tuition in the Concord High School has been raised to \$90, the tuition for agricultural scholars to \$165, and rates for transportation over the railroads have also increased. This is not due to miscalculation in our budget for 1918, but to a combination of events not wholly expected. Our coal dealers were unable this year to fill our orders in September, as has been the usual custom, and the bills for part of this winter's fuel will, therefore, be paid for in 1919. Then the closing of schools for three weeks during the epidemic of influenza lessened our expenses by nearly \$500.

Owing to the attractive prices paid for labor, several of our young people left High School, and seven of our boys who would ordinarily be in High School, are now attending the Lowell Industrial School. The bill for this tuition at Lowell has not yet been received.

Also it will be seen from our receipts for 1918 that Acton has once more entered the list of those towns to be benefitted by the income from Massachusetts School Funds. This item amounted to \$1,029.64, and was not included in our estimate of the receipts for 1918, so it will be seen that several items in our budget have fallen considerably below the estimated, and in only two items have we exceeded the amount asked for.

Two of our school buildings are in need of outside paint, but owing to the prevailing high cost of material and labor, we thought best not to attempt the work in 1918. We hope, however, to do this necessary work during the present year.

A glance at the list of teachers employed during the year will serve to show that, like most other towns and cities, we have had our teacher troubles. Before the fall term opened, we had one teacher out on account of illness and four resignations. Miss Barrett's place in the Center has been filled by

Miss Anna D. Taylor. Miss Harrington's place in the West School has been filled by Miss Hazel M. Stone. Miss Brennan, as supervisor of music, has been replaced by Miss Irma M. Durkee, and in the South School, Miss Halliday had had several successors, but fortunately, we now have Miss A. Eugenia LeMoine in charge of that room. Miss Elizabeth A. Hinckley was given a year's leave of absence on account of illness, and Miss Gladys Farnsworth has been teaching in her room.

Death, too, has broken our ranks, and from the West school has passed one of our oldest and best loved teachers. With less than a year to teach before being retired, Mrs. Harriet H. Gardner was taken ill last October. She recovered, however, sufficiently to be about, and was looking forward to returning to her desk when she was again stricken, and died suddenly on December first. For nearly thirty years she had presided over the room where begins the child's public instruction, and it is no mean eulogy to say that many a boy and girl now grown to manhood and womanhood looks back with love and gratitude to her whose thoughtful care and patience helped wonderfully to start them in the path of wisdom and rectitude.

She was firm in discipline, yet gentle withal, a good teacher, a wise counsellor. Possessed of a naturally sunny disposition, her presence in any gathering was almost a guarantee of optimism and good fellowship. Her place in our school and in our midst will be hard to fill. Her memory will live always. Mrs. Evelyn K. Reed is now teaching in Mrs. Gardner's room.

The following is a detail of the expected expenses for 1919, and the receipts and disbursements for 1918.

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1919

For general expenses:

Salaries and other expenses of the committee	\$100.00
Salaries and other expenses of the superintendent and truant officers	700.00

For expenses of instruction:

Tuition of pupils attending out of town schools	7,900.00
Salaries of elementary school teachers	6,500.00

For textbooks:

For elementary schools it is anticipated that the amount to be received from dog tax will cover this item 300.00

For stationery and supplies:

Elementary schools 275.00

For expenses of operating school plants:

Wages of janitors, fuel and miscellaneous expenses 2,686.00

Maintenance and repairs 500.00

For auxiliary agencies:

Health 75.00

For transportation:

High school scholars 1,800.00

Elementary scholars 2,496.00

Total \$23,332.00

Less estimated income from outside sources 2,500.00

\$20,832.00

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1918

Appropriation at town meeting \$21,000.00

Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts :

Account Income Mass. School fund \$1,029.64

Account Industrial Schools 602.79

Account superintendent 343.75

Miscellaneous tuition 9.75

1,985.93

County dog tax 317.49

Received for tuition of out-of-town pupils:

R. Webb \$190.20

E. Sadler 28.50

C. Sadler 28.50

Town of Stow 57.00

304.20

Refund on railroad tickets 18.00

\$23,625.62

DISBURSEMENTS

General Expenses

School Committee

Salaries:

B. E. Hall, salary 1918	\$75.00
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Other expenses:

Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing blanks	\$1.05
B. E. Hall, telephone and postage	2.81
B. E. Hall, telephone and postage	2.93
E. A. Phalen, traveling	5.00
	\$11.79

Superintendent of Schools and Enforcement of Law:

Salaries:

Frank H. Hill, superintendent	\$632.50
Carl Pickens	3.50
Walter M. French	3.50
Thomas Scanlon	4.00
Asaph Parlin	3.50
	\$647.00

Other expenses:

Frank H. Hill, telephone and postage ..	\$16.40
Frank H. Hill, expense of procuring teachers	23.10
Elizabeth W. Hill, assistant to superintendent	24.44
	\$63.94

Expenses of Instruction

Town of Concord, High	\$6,395.00
Town of Concord, Agricultural	414.19
Town of Maynard, High	30.00
City of Lowell, Industrial	40.00
	\$6,879.19

Elementary Schools

Harriet H. Gardner	\$452.10
E. Sophia Taylor	564.00
Ruth L. Harrington	308.00
Ella L. Miller	594.00

Martha F. Smith	556.00
Marion H. Barrett	308.00
Emma M. Halliday	330.00
Julia L. McCarthy	556.00
Jennie E. Stowell	572.00
Helen A. Westwood	252.00
Marion C. Taylor	244.00
Mildred Brennan	115.83
Myrtle F. Houghton	25.20
Hazel M. Stone	248.00
Anna D. Taylor	248.00
Emily B. Campbell	155.00
Gladys Farnsworth	232.00
Irma M. Durkee	84.24
Muriel K. Fairchild	24.80
Evelyn K. Reed	101.50
Madeline H. Howe	6.20
Lottie L. D. Blodgett	31.00
A. Eugenia LeMoine	46.50

\$6,054.37

Text Books, Elementary

Houghton, Mifflin & Company	24.03
Longmans, Greene & Co.	9.14
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	7.85
Edward E. Babb & Co.	201.72
The A. S. Barnes Co. ....	.75
American Book Co.	3.77
J. Q. Adams & Co.	56.25
Silver, Burdett & Co.	9.12
D. Appleton & Co.	5.68

\$318.31

Stationery and Supplies

The Waterbury Brass Goods Corp.	\$1.29
Edward E. Babb & Co.	159.10
Finney & Hoit	4.70
F. Z. Taylor	2.40
H. W. Lewis .....	.25
Theron F. Newton .....	.50

\$168.24

Expenses of Operating School Plants**Wages of Janitors**

Asaph Parlin	\$76.00
Thomas Scanlon	282.00
Theron F. Newton	367.00
Carl Pickens	216.00
James Fitzgerald	48.00
Mrs. Isabelle Kennedy	2.95

 \$991.95
Fuel

South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.	\$898.42
George H. Reed	428.10
Whitney Coal & Grain Co.	57.16
William H. Kingsley	30.00
Thomas E. Downie	12.00
Charles Edwards, teaming coal	8.00
T. F. Newton, handling wood .....	.50
Overseers of the Poor, Acton	155.00

 \$1,589.18
Miscellaneous

West and South Water Supply District of Acton	\$36.00
E. T. Rice	8.60
H. W. Lewis	4.30
Henry C. Doughty	37.00
T. F. Newton	19.18
R. W. Carter	2.50
Hopkinson & Holden	3.25
Wilmot B. Cleaves	2.00

 \$112.83
Maintenance**Repairs**

John S. Hoar	\$4.00
E. T. Rice	14.32
E. Z. Stanley	51.40
F. Z. Taylor .....	.30
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company ..	1.10
E. A. Phalen	25.00
L. T. Fullonton	6.35

 \$102.47
Auxiliary Agencies**Health**

George B. Robbins Disinfectant Company	\$49.50
F. W. Green	7.00

 \$56.50

Transportation

High School :

Boston & Maine Railroad Company ...	\$1,271.44
N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad Company ...	119.25
Ida Fields	4.80
Ormel Laffin	1.08
Hannah Monson	11.60
W. J. Benere	3.36
H. W. Bursaw	22.50
Lester N. Fletcher	15.40
A. Christofferson	4.80

\$1,454.23

Lowell Industrial :

Boston & Maine Railroad Company	\$41.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad Company ...	79.65

\$120.65

Elementary :

Charles Edwards	\$630.00
J. D. Smith	575.00
W. M. French	350.00
A. Christofferson	405.00

\$1,960.00

\$20,605.65

Total receipts	\$23,625.62
Total disbursements	20,605.65

Unexpended balance \$3,019.97

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. PHALEN,
HARRY N. BROWN,
BERTRAM E. HALL.

Acton, January 11, 1919.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen of the Committee :

Following is my ninth annual report as superintendent of schools of Acton, the twenty-seventh in the series of such reports.

More and more each year the superintendent's work keeps him from that close personal touch with the schoolroom which used to engage his best efforts and wherein his professional training had the chief opportunity to show itself. The demands of the several departments of the state and national government for statistics and information are increasingly heavy. To the associations and societies engaged in social welfare work and war propaganda and drives the school superintendent appears to be the natural clearing-house for all their activities touching the schools. A few months in the winter after the school reports are in and before the demands of the closing weeks of the school year begin, are alone somewhat free for professional investigation and helpfulness. This year especially his time has been occupied with providing the schools with teachers. The towns having the fewest changes have suffered most, so far as his services are concerned, in that his time has been withdrawn to the towns affected most. In addition to the changes enumerated in your report for Acton, there have been twenty other changes in the other towns of the district since the closing of the schools in June. Section 2 of Chapter 444, Acts of 1911, provides : "The superintendent of schools shall recommend teachers to the school committee" This act seems to fix his responsibility in the important matter of the selection of teachers, and in the face of so many changes it has not been an easy task to fill every position satisfactorily, though no effort has been spared to do so.

In my search for teachers I found that many had withdrawn from the profession to enter the services of their country in one department or another; that these withdrawals were in greater numbers from the high schools and grammar grades; that teachers were putting a price upon their services in excess of prevailing prices at the close of the school year in June, and that they were selecting the kind of school positions they would accept to a much greater degree than formerly. The legislature of 1918 made the minimum salary of elementary teachers in towns exceeding \$1,000,000 valuation, \$550 per year. Our maximum for principals was \$627 per year, and for other teachers \$589. Under all these circumstances to engage an experienced teacher with a good record and equipped by training for the position—especially if that position were in the gram-

mar school—was found to be quite impossible. I have done the best I could, and it has been a source of comfort to me that you have recognized the difficulties and supported and approved my efforts. I hope and believe that the situation will be easier next year, but to make it permanently so the recommendation in last year's report, that principals be paid \$675 per year and other teachers \$650, must be repeated. The good of the Acton schools seems to demand that action. The superintendent must be able to go out into the market with the money to enable him to go to other counters than the cheapest for his teacher-material. In no way is this intended as a reflection upon our present corps of teachers, many of whom are worth far more in the open market than they are being paid today. For good and sufficient reasons they are not in the market, home ties and proximity to home towns proving a stronger force than greater compensation.

I have limited my search for teachers to those not in service. This is in strict accord with the ethics of the profession—which, unfortunately, all do not observe. When a teacher resigns from a position for a good and sufficient reason I consider her a logical candidate. I do not feel that I have any right to induce her to resign a position in order to accept mine. This has delayed the process of securing the right teacher, and has added to the expense, but I believe from the standpoint of the employer it is the ethically correct process.

The influenza epidemic, causing the schools to close for a period of three weeks, was an unavoidable misfortune. I made fairly representative inquiries of superintendents in other sections of the state and found that the policy of paying the teachers during the closed period was practically universal. I am glad to note that the town of Acton was equally liberal in its treatment of the teachers. Further inquiry disclosed that there was a difference of opinion as to whether the time-lost should be made up, and if so, how. In a communication addressed to the teachers previously to this inquiry I called attention to the difference between time lost and work lost, suggesting that the work might be made up even if the time were not, and how it could be done. Some towns planned to make up the time actually lost by extending the school year, or shortening the winter vacation, or increasing the length of the school day by an hour or half-hour. Other towns were to try out the method of intensive work, which would involve longer lessons and more home work. Still other towns reported that nothing had been planned to make up either the time or the work. In Acton we have shortened the winter vacation by one week. Probably the plan of intensive work will be followed to make up essential subjects, and if this is not sufficient a week at the close of the school year would perhaps suffice. In whatever way the

results are accomplished I hope the parents will appreciate the unusual situation, and feel, with me, that it is the pupil's right to have the chance to do all the work necessary for promotion into another grade, as it is work we promote on and not time spent in the schoolroom. I have myself never noted a case where I felt that a child's school work had caused a breakdown in health. Either the child was constitutionally sickly, or home duties or home environment or music lessons or other outside interests so added to the school requirements as to make it a physical impossibility to keep up the work and keep well. I hope the attitude of the parents will be such that the child may be minded to cheerfully meet all the requirements of the school, and that no extra burdens will be placed upon him during this trying period.

At that point where the superintendent's personal attention cannot be immediately given to a matter affecting the morale of a school, there the work of the principal, or teacher in charge of the room, or other recognized agency for carrying out the purposes of the school department, must begin. The matter of handling truancy is an illustration at hand. Attending to truancy cases is a side issue with a truant officer in small towns where there is no adequate salary to induce him to go to the schools daily for a list of absentees. He might go daily for weeks and find not a single case. The superintendent of four towns cannot be in each town each day, much less in each school in the several towns. Just here is the teacher's point of contact with the question. She is the first to know of the absence. By inquiry she may easily discover if sickness is the cause. When she is satisfied that there is no good cause for absence she should at once communicate with the truant officer. Always someone is in a position to know first what is going wrong in the school, and an attempt should be made to correct it before it becomes anybody's business. The duty may be the janitor's, the barge driver's, the teacher's, the principal's, the superintendent's, the committee's. It should be recognized by the right party when it reaches him and be attended to at once.

On several occasions during the year the question has arisen as to the exact meaning of a parent's signature on the report card as it comes home at regular intervals. It does not signify approval of the rank shown on the card. It does signify that the parent has received the card and noted the standing of the child. If the parent is not satisfied she should go to the teacher with an open mind to inquire into the difficulties and to cooperate with the teacher to the end that the child's work may be improved. To immediately place all the blame upon the teacher is unreasonable and does not take into consideration any of the child's limitations in the schoolroom

either in the way of discipline or mental capacity or lazy application. The average teacher desires above all other things to make a good showing in the matter of promotions, and to pass a deserving child along to make room for others coming up. In all fairness to the parents of this town I have to say that I believe the mothers of our school children are exceedingly reasonable in this respect, though enough are not so to warrant this paragraph.

The usual special reports and tables of statistics and information follow. I trust they will be carefully read as all are of value.

In concluding my report I thank the committee for their support during the especially trying period of the past few months, to ask their indulgence in any omissions on my part, and to assure them that I shall give as fully of my time and interest to the Acton schools as my equally imperative attention to my other three towns will permit.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools.

Acton, January 16, 1919.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Mr. F. H. Hill, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—I herewith submit my seventh report of the work in drawing in the Acton schools. In the first three grades the work has been the same as the previous year. Children are taught to draw images they have already formed in their minds and they are extended to more definite and concrete forms. Most children will produce best that which has appealed to them strongest. The following subjects are merely to suggest the sources from which we draw our material.

Subjects for drawing:

Draw a house or a barn.

Draw a chicken coop, dog house, playthings.

Draw objects in the home and school.

Draw garden tools, objects seen in the street during the day.

Action drawing has been attempted, but not with much success in the first two grades. The third grade appear to grasp the idea of proportion of the figures, but the other two grades do not understand it yet. Much time is spent on paper

cutting or construction work, which teaches the little children shapes of objects as well as drawing them with pencils.

There is not very much I can say about the work in the upper grades that is any different from that of last year, only at West Acton a course of bookbinding has been introduced and some excellent results were obtained this past year. I only wish the course could be introduced in the two other villages for it is a vocational subject that appeals to so many children that cannot draw very well. They really know they are getting good results when they make a book but some pupils cannot judge their drawing papers. It would be a saving for the town to have this course introduced in the whole district so all school books could be repaired here in the schools.

As the schools closed for three weeks this fall the work has been somewhat delayed but we will gradually make up the work so that the pupils will be as well fitted as they were last year.

Much credit must be given the teachers and superintendent for their cooperation in this work.

Respectfully submitted,
MARION CELESTE TAYLOR,
Supervisor of Drawing.

December 31, 1918.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Frank H. Hill, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—I herewith submit my first report of music in the Acton schools.

There is little to report at this time, as the school year has been so broken into because of the epidemic.

The teachers and pupils join in an effort to carry out the work and their interest and co-operation are excellent.

We are working in tone-quality and part-singing in the eighth, seventh, sixth and fifth grades. Note-reading, tone-quality and self-independence is the work in the lower grades.

I thank all the teachers and the superintendent most heartily for their help and interest.

Respectfully submitted,
IRMA M. DURKEE,
Supervisor of Music.

West Acton, Mass., Dec. 26, 1918.

ROLL OF HONOR

Not Absent or Tardy for One Year

Dora O. Livermore, Acton Center.
 Louis A. Livermore, Acton Center.
 Norman Livermore, Acton Center.
 Roland C. Flagg, Acton Center.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST

School examined	Number Enrolled	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
West	87	2	0	2
Center	83	5	0	4
South	110	10	0	10
Total	280	17	0	16

SCHOOL SAVINGS

	Number Depositors	Amount Collected
West Acton	44	\$66.09
Acton Center	21	32.25
South Acton	63	132.99
Total	128	\$231.33

WAR SAVINGS AND THRIFT STAMPS

	Number Holding	Aggregate Amount
West Acton	38	\$334.00
Acton Center	62	331.00
South Acton	67	602.00
Total	167	\$1,267.00

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

(Ages as of April 1, 1918)

	Males	Females	Total
Persons 5 to 7 years of age	18	18	36
Persons 7 to 14 years of age	133	121	254
Persons 14 to 16 years of age	36	27	63
Total	187	166	353

MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS

(By Grades, April 1, 1918)

Grade 1	37
Grade 2	35
Grade 3	31
Grade 4	40
Grade 5	48
Grade 6	32
Grade 7	30
Grade 8	30

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Acton Pupils in Concord High School

Course	Class of 1919	Class of 1920	Class of 1921	Class of 1922	Total
Commercial	4	6	5	11	26
College	2	2	9	10	23
General	1	1	0	0	3
Scientific	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Arts	1	4	4	0	9
Mechanic Arts	1	2	2	4	9
Agricultural	0	1	0	0	1
Total	9	16	20	25	71

Nnber Graduated from Grammar School, 1918

	Boys	Girls	Total
South Acton	4	6	10
West Acton	2	4	6
Acton Center	3	4	7
Total	9	14	23

Acton Pupils in Other Schools

Lowell Vocational School	7	0	7
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STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1917-1918

School	Grades	No. different pupils enrolled	No pupils enrolled exclusive of supplementary list	Average membership	Average daily attendance	Aggregate attendance	Number between 5 and 7			Number between 7 and 14			Number under 5			Number between 14 and 16		
							B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G
Center ..	1-2-3	26	26	20.24	18.25	3296.00	9	8	4	5								
	4-5-6	30	27	27.79	24.86	4499.50			17	9						0	1	
	7-8	30	27	24.50	22.35	4042.50			12	9						6	0	
West ...	1-2-3	42	39	32.27	27.96	5055.50		5	6	14	14							
	4-5-6	26	25	22.40	20.59	3732.00			12	12								
	7-8	31	28	26.38	23.55	4257.00			12	13						1	0	
South ..	1-2	39	37	33.31	27.93	4922.00	10	10	7	5	3	2						
	3-4	40	33	32.90	28.90	5196.50			16	17								
	5-6	40	38	35.73	32.85	5925.50			19	17						1	1	
	7-8	32	31	30.70	27.70	5004.50			11	10						6	4	
Total		336	311	286.22	254.94	45931.00	24	24	124	111	3	2	16	7				

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